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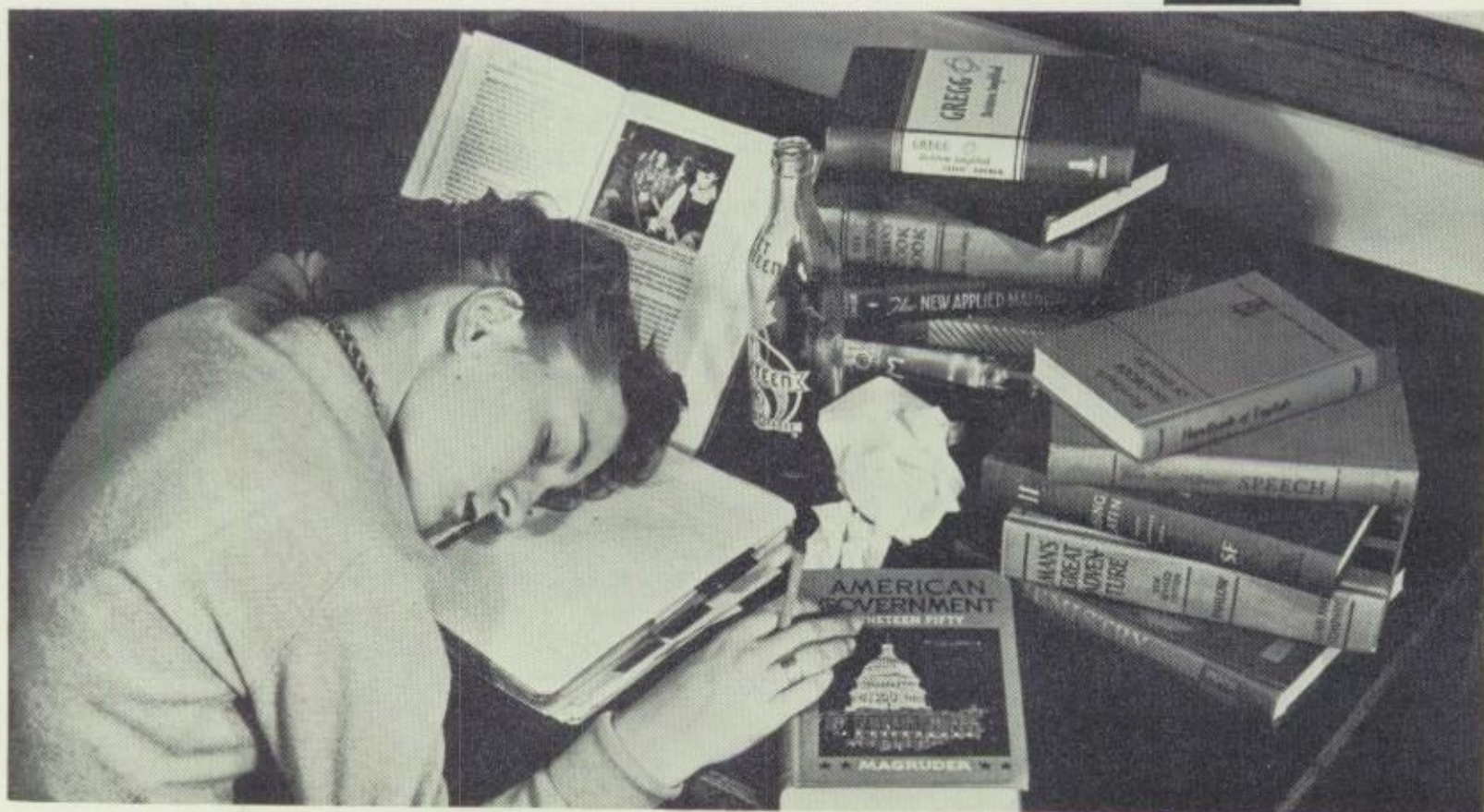


We, the January 1953 graduating class, dedicate our Oak to you, Mr. Rathsburg. All through our high school years we have looked to you for help and encouragement when we needed it. You were always there, willing to stop what you were doing and listen to our problems. As a homeroom teacher you were tops. The few of us who had you will never forget how you put up with all the noise during the P.A. announcements. We struggled through your chemistry classes, and for most of us it was only with your constant explaining and understanding that we managed to pass. Your sincere friendliness has been a definite advantage to the school for it has helped to promote good feelings between the students and the teachers.

Dedication

Readin', 'Ritin', 'n' Rithmetic

Although we all may not be reactionary, I'm sure most of us have a little bit of sentiment in us—enough to want to remember our high school days and classes. For that reason, this Oak is designed to be a collection of souvenirs, each page bringing a pleasant reminder of those memorable years. Some of the things we'll surely remember are the rush of everyone trying to get into their homeroom before the 8:30 a.m. deadline; or, last but very surely not least, the lovely sound of the 3:15 p.m. bell which puts a smile on every one's face. These memories are but just a few that will come into mind as we reminisce over the events that the January 1953 class went through.



Right—"We are the rulers now!" proclaim Dave Northey, Dale Russell, Ken Sutton, Keith Snyder, Bill Bales, Paul Weber, Jim Cowan, Al Simpson, and Roger Gange in Mr. Miller's General Math. 2 class.



Center—"The chosen one" demonstrates an incorrect way of speaking. Enjoying the demonstration are (left to right): Gregory Hunt, Margaret Ferris, Wayne Bryant, Graeme Miller, Kenny Meraw, Margaret Richards, Bill Walrod.



Below—Speaking those words of wisdom is Mary Czismadia of Mr. Kolas' Civics 2 class. Bob Kelley and Jim Person are being influenced by her forceful words.



Right—"What makes the world go 'round?" wonders Mickey Beigler of Mrs. Crossman's homeroom. Other homeroom members are: Judy Rattner, Duane Platt, Ron Bill, and Sandy Marvin.

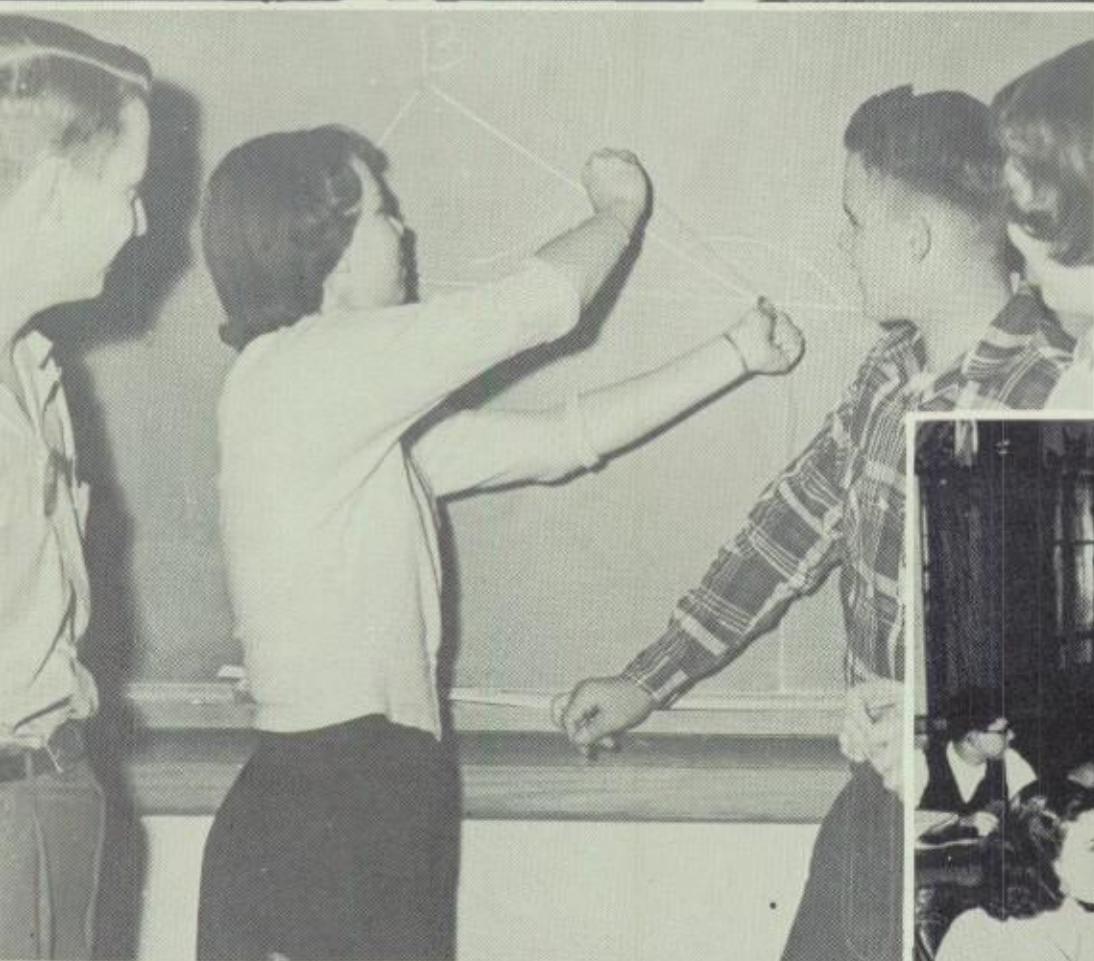


9A Fresh



Left—I'm 'Sleepless' over you? Ha—guess again? Sleepy students are (front row): Elaine Hansen, Keith Foster. (Second): Nancy Phillips, Ed Glac, Sandy Cavanagh. (Third): Geraldine Spanke, Lynn Livingston, Jane Sherwood. (Back): Dave Corless.

10B Sophs



Center—'A cute' little angle, Sue Hill, in Mrs. Hoffman's plane geometry class is explaining this construction problem to Walter Allan, Dick Daniels, and Jeanne Earley.

Below—'Animal, vegetable, or mineral?' Twenty questions is being played by (left to right): Allan Stillwagon, Claudia Lomerson, Eric Rognlie, Melvin Ojala, Don Matson in Mr. Tenhave's Biology I class.



Left—"What'sCookin', good lookin'?" (Gotta use your imagination on this one.) The creative cooks are Ken Lowe, Sue Galpin, Gene Masta, and Charlene Fraquelli.

Right—A rip in time saves nine. Ruining their eyes, wasting most of their material, killing valuable time, and keeping themselves in stitches are: Marlene Vedder, Marlene Jackson, and Shirley Bonham. They are members of Mrs. Blough's Sewing 1 class.



10A Sophs

Middle—Something screwy here. We took it apart and got it together again, too, believe it or not! Let's hope it works. Hoping are: Keith Foster, George Scott, and Carl Pugh. Their safety slogan is 'the most dangerous part of an automobile is the nut behind the wheel.'



Right center—"It was as if a thousand pins were digging into my skin," said Kent Armstrong. Could they be dramatizing one of Shakespeare's great plays? It might be the 'Tragedy of Kent Armstrong Macbeth'. Conducting the pencil warfare are: Judy Arnold, Sharron Kolberg, Frank Finney, Willis Yeamans, and Marion Baker.

Left center—Look who's sewing a fine seam in Mrs. Blough's Clothing 2 class. Ruth Hoblet, Joyce Jorden, and Faye Gibson are preparing for the coming season.

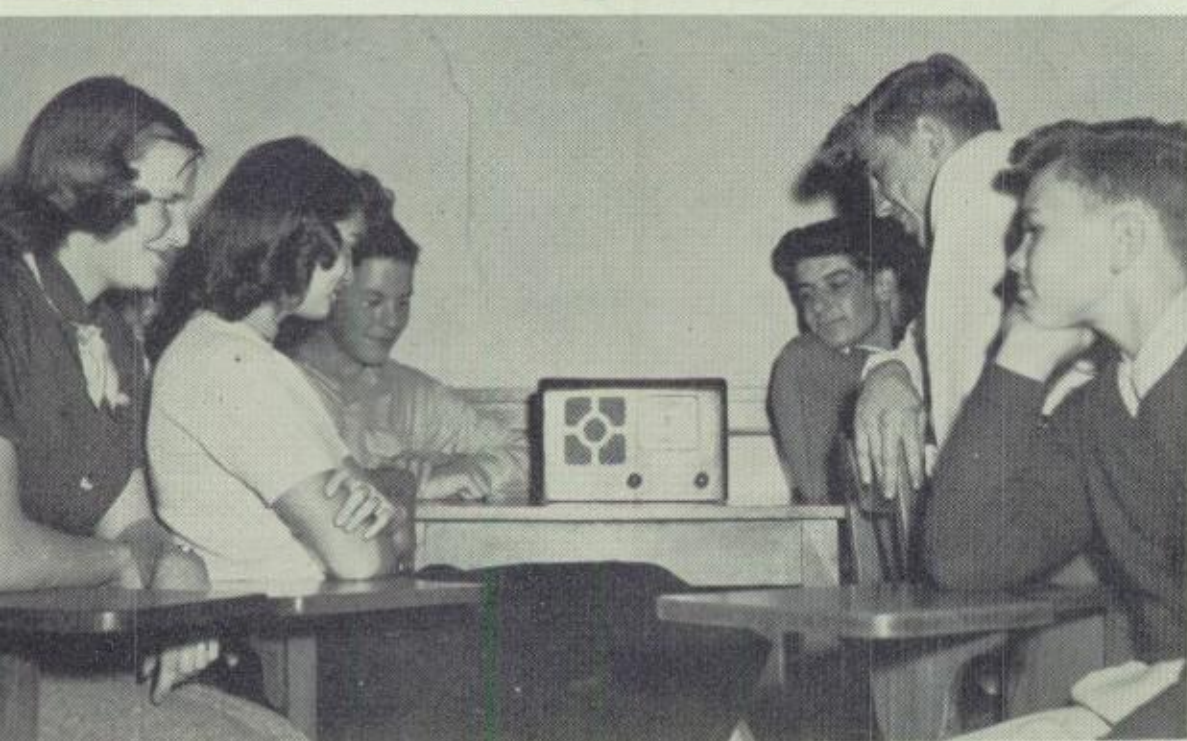
Lower right—Going to Mexico! Where's the baggage? Right in style with their fashionable sombreros are: Carole Polkinghorn, Leah Steel, Lorraine Halsey, and Larry DeWitt.

Lower Left — The 'hunt - and - peck' system is being used by these 'Royal' typists. Reigning their blows on the keys to the kingdom are (front row): Barb Roy, Jeanie Russell. (Second): Arlene Johnson, Phyllis Overby, Irene Canfield. (Back): Eva Orr, Ruth Hoblet.





Upper right —Didja hear this one? Must be a good story to get such interest and laughs, huh? Laughing at Ethel Snyder are (left to right): Fred Koenig, Myra Barrett, Judy Roxey, Jim Peavler, Janet Burns, Frances LeFaivre, Shirley Springer, Louise McMurry, Janet Dowd, Margie Gilger, Eddie Taylor.



Upper left—Hope you voted for that 'one and only' guy for President. Esther Caddy is patiently explaining the correct way to use a voting machine to Dixie Dooley, Richard Thombs, and Jim Bedrava.

Right center—If 2 studious students plus 2 more studious students equals 4 studious students, 1 sleepy student equals a multitude of snores. (Back row): Bill Bradford, Nadine Branning, Franchot Stein. (Foreground): Jan Irish, Karen Johnson.

Left Center—Have you been down in the dumps lately, like Pat O'Hara, the patient? Pat, in Miss Hornac's child care class seems to be getting all the care. Her attendants are: Doris Harris, getting first hand information on 'how to be another Florence Nightingale'; Shirley Lapere, applying the compress and taking Pat's temperature; and Frances LeFaivre, taking her pulse.



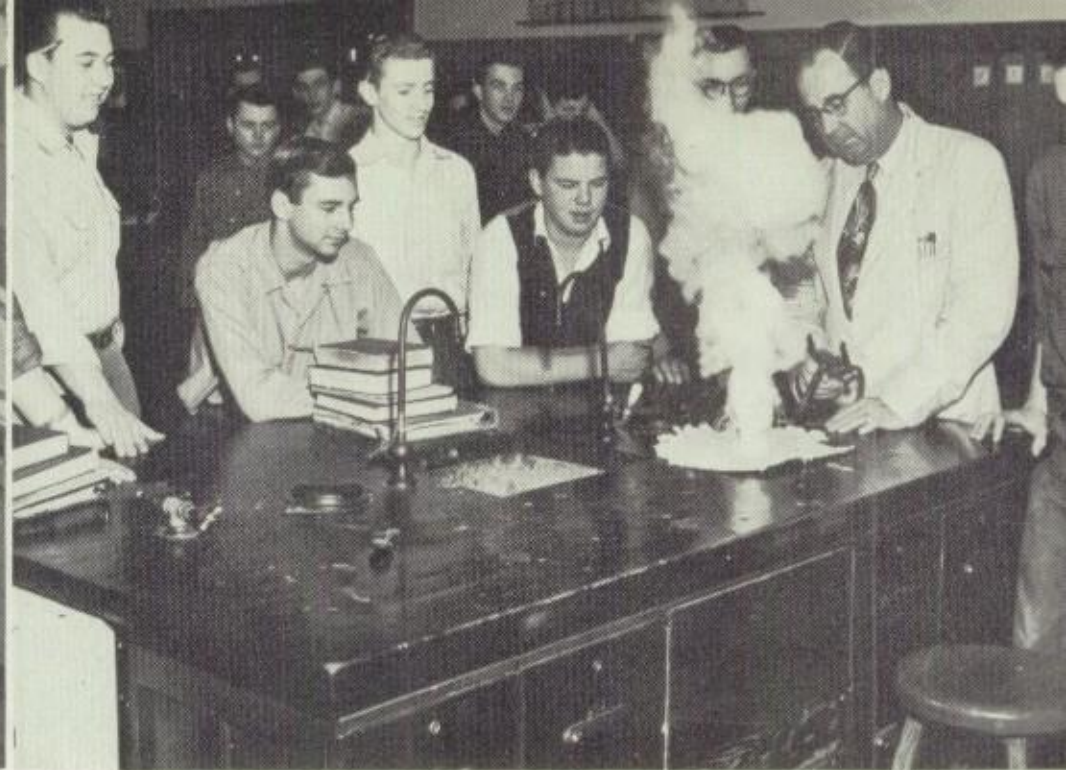
11B Juniors

Middle—Oooch! Do you send me! What is there about this fascinating music that's so soothing it completely envelopes you? It could be Patti Page, Eddie Fisher, Toni Martin, or Joni James. Completely gone are: Mary Kemmis, Joanne Hollingsworth, Bruce Stephenson, Jack Wendland, and Lance Kulkis. Wish there were some classes like this in our schedules.

Left—Triपालong, the horse, is being well groomed for the third race on February 30 at the Churchill Downs race track. Let's all get behind him and push! Hoping Triपालong will either win, place, or show are: Connie Look, Bob Johnston, Ray Prete, and Bob Kelly.



Above—"I'm Lost Again" agree Gail Mastia, Leo Ned, Marion Luke, and Barbara Price as they glance through the maze of figures staring at them from their workbooks in Mr. Spector's Bookkeeping 2 class.



Above—"That's the Chance You Take!" Experimenting in Applied Chemistry 2 are (foreground): Paul Bertolet, Bob White, Carl Dennis, Ron Williams, Jim Green, Mr. Rathsborg, Bob Cox.



Above—"Two Wonder or not two wander." That is the question confronting Chrystine Whiting and Frieda Pinkerton as they are busily dreaming up copy for Mr. Rosen's Journalism 1 class.

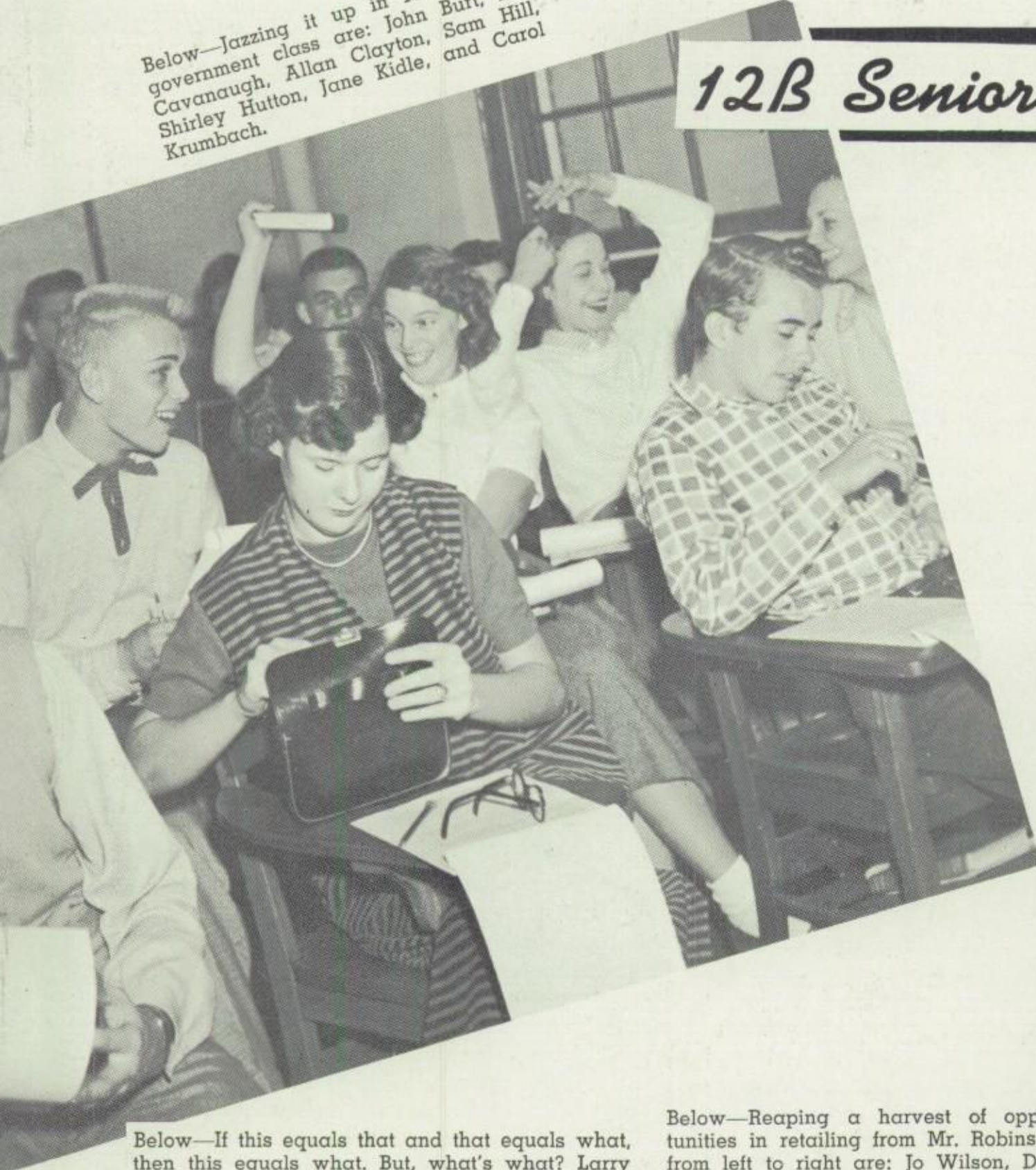


11A Juniors

Above—There's still a shadow of a doubt (The Black Veil) in Jim Green's mind, decide Liz Ware, Bob Cox, Ron Fox, Nola Coulter, Jackie Ahrenberg, and Miss Moore.

Below—Jazzing it up in Mrs. Miller's government class are: John Burt, Bev Cavanaugh, Allan Clayton, Sam Hill, Shirley Hutton, Jane Kidle, and Carol Krumbach.

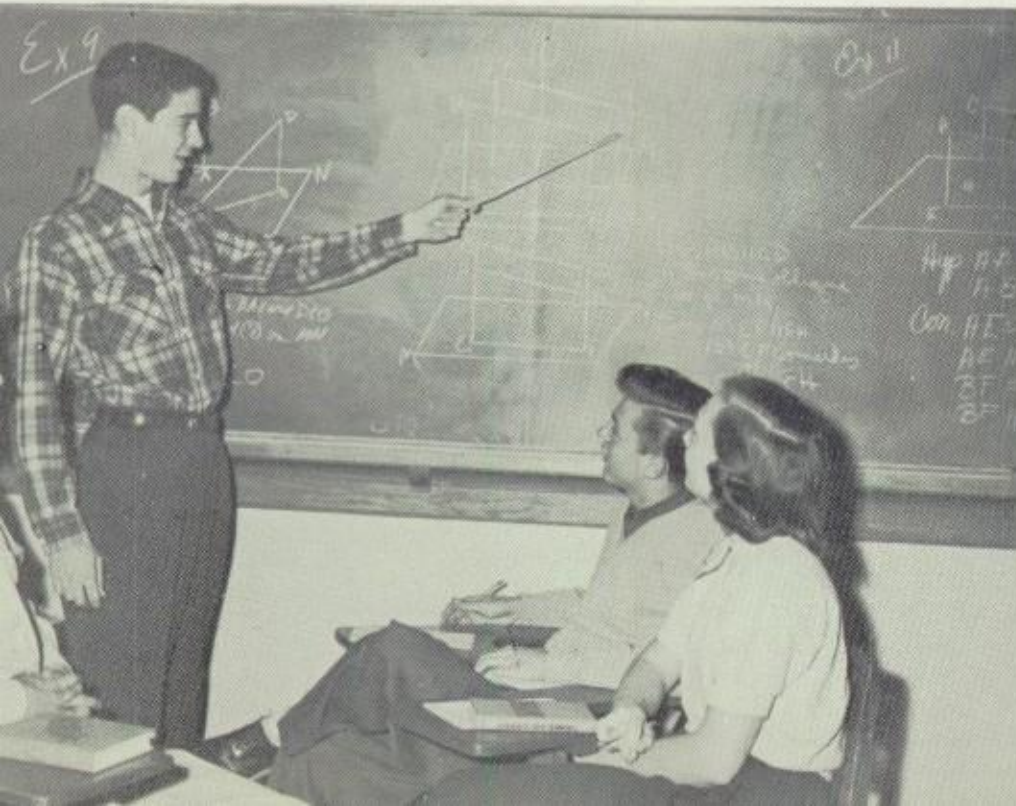
12B Seniors



Below—If this equals that and that equals what, then this equals what. But, what's what? Larry Rattner is explaining all this to Rene Hamel, Lewie McDaniels, and Carol Krumbach.

Below—Reaping a harvest of opportunities in retailing from Mr. Robinson, from left to right are: Jo Wilson, Dick Potts, Sandy Williams, Sherry Richard, and Tom Poole.

Below—Tipping the scales in Dr. Dyer's Physics 1 class at about 174 grams are: Don Schap, Jim McCafferty, Dale Girethy, Barb Zwar, Lorraine Shibilski, Jenny Wilson.





A rousing cheer was given at the pep rally as the sports activities for the year started off with a bang. Our football team's morale went sky high as they beat Hazel Park and then went on to score a victory against Grosse Pointe at our first home game. All of us who sat in the new bleachers agreed that the trotting from door to door for magazine subscriptions was well worth the effort. We've made a good start towards the completion of the stadium and hope that the undergraduates will soon have it finished. The cheerleaders faithfully followed our teams around from game to game, always ready to lead us with a yell of encouragement for our players. While most of us were follow-

Sports

Raise High Your Voices...

ing the football team, there were a few who anxiously anticipated the coming of each cross country meet. Although this sport does not draw many spectators, we were all glad to hear that they won all but one dual meet of the season. On Dec. 1 our basketball quintet started the year off in a contest with Cooley High. Our spirits were high in hopes for a good season. About this same time our swimming team began splashing its way through the season. We followed closely each meet of our mighty mermen. In years to come we will look back with pride upon our teams and realize how much a part of our school life the sports were.

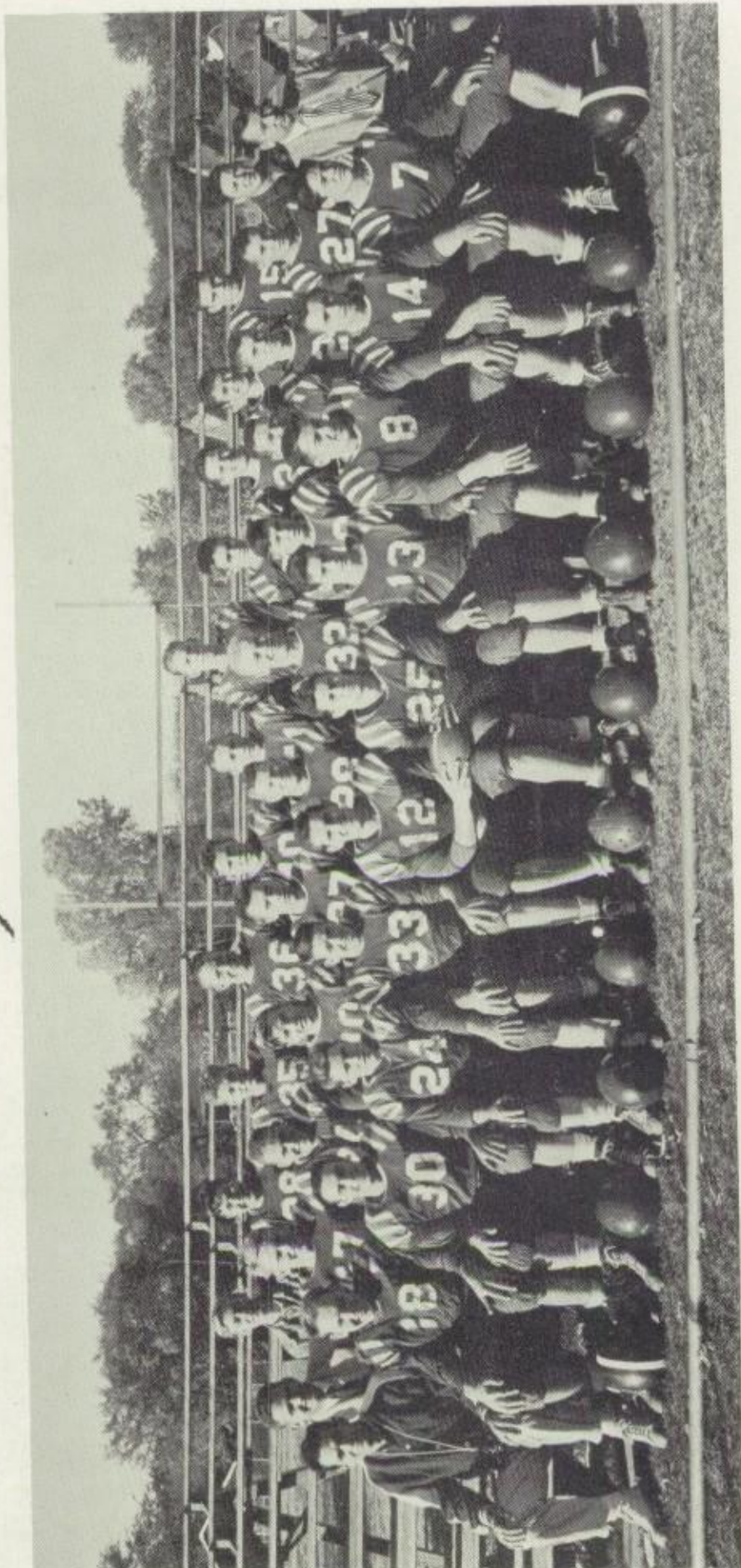




BOB MORRISON



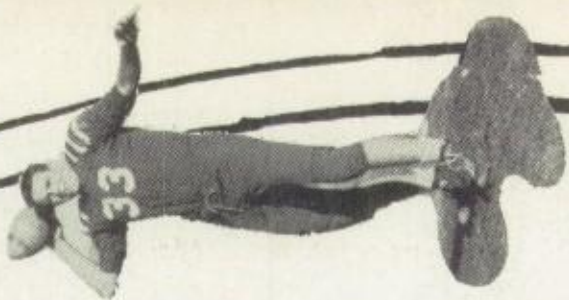
JAMES WILEY



First Row: Coach Manilla, C. Hoyt, D. Nash, O. Winnie, C. Maxwell, G. Peters (Co-Capt.), C. Friebe (Co-Capt.), J. Wiley, J. Shields, D. Potts, B. Nelson. Second Row: T. Botts, Coach; B. Morrison, H. A. Andreason, D. McCullough, F. Koenig, L. Martin, S. Hill, L. Saldan, J. Plichta, R. Prete, C. Edwards, Coach Struble. Third Row: Manager Miller, E. Bartz, E. Stock, D. Bales, C. Rubel, T. Carle, H. Connors, J. Moyer, S. Remley, R. Stapleton, B. Bradford, Manager Williams.



BUTCH STOCK



CLYDE MAXWELL

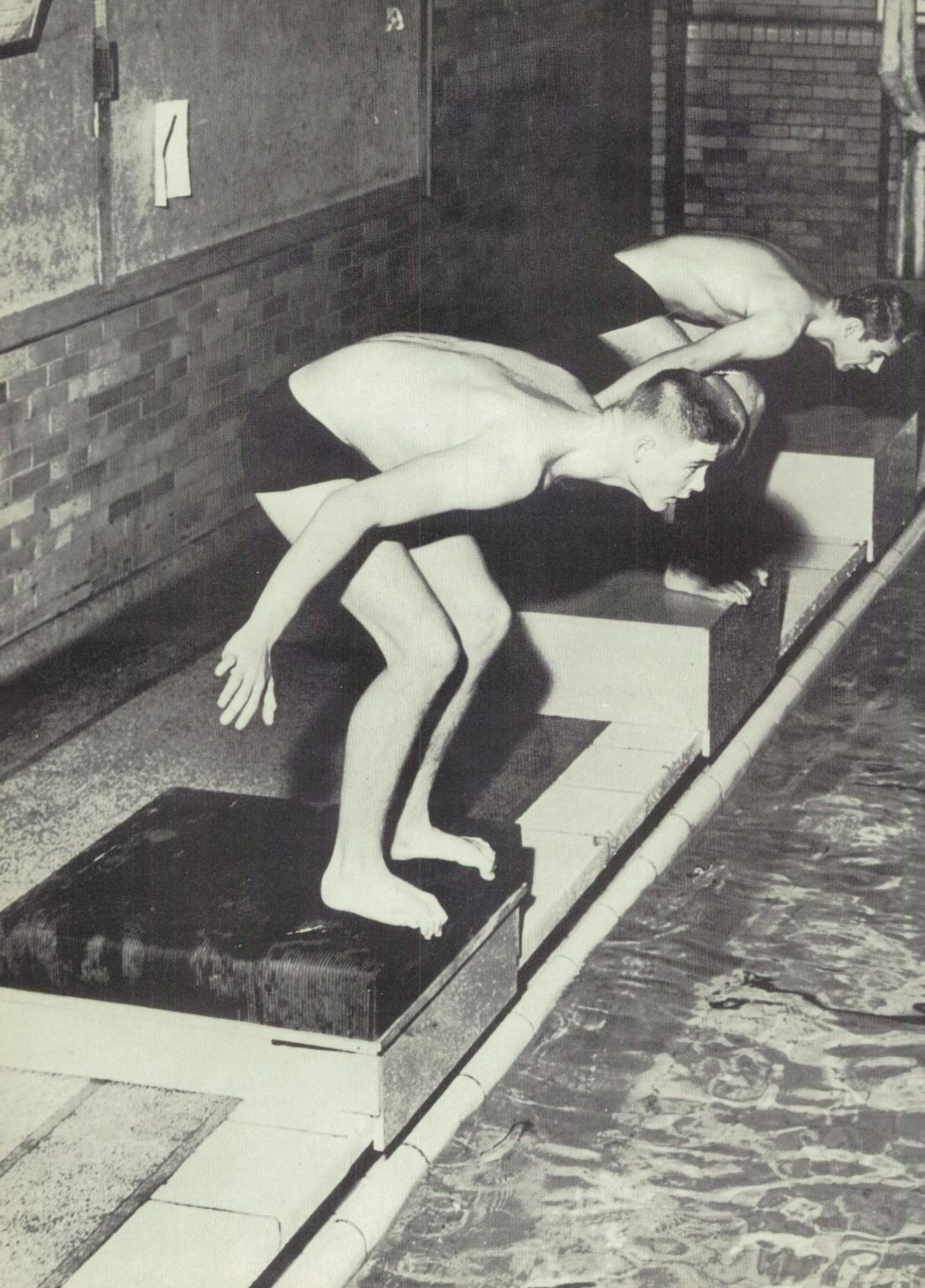


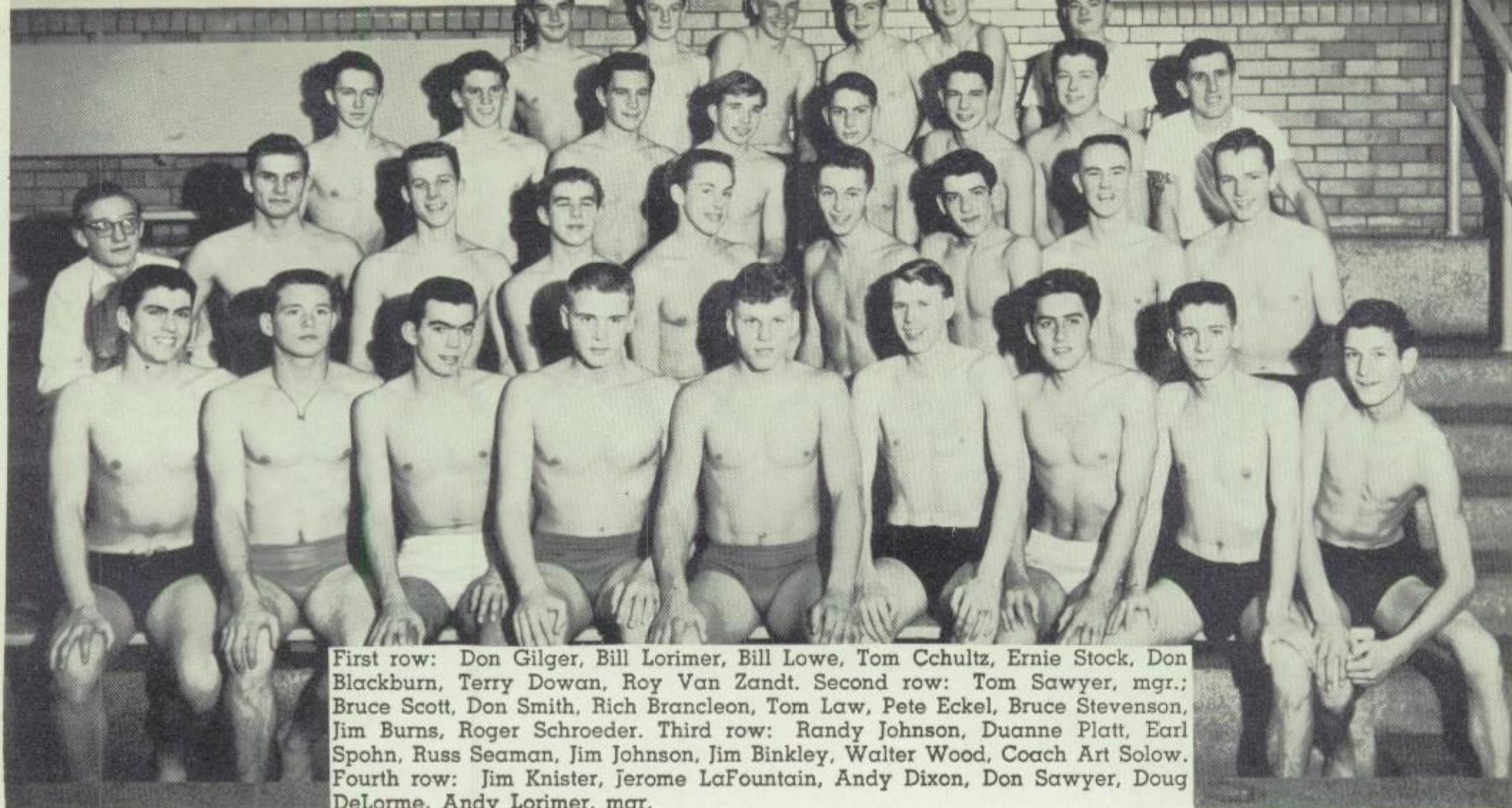


Royal Oak's football team has battled its way through a good season, having lost only two games so far. Wyandotte and Monroe were our two defeats. Our victories included Hazel Park, Grosse Pointe, Fordson, Ferndale, and Highland Park. In January, six of the players will be leaving. These hunchbacks are Carl Friebe, Ernie Stock, Bob Morrison, Jim Wiley, Stan Schantz, and Tex Maxwell. Co-captain Friebe, playing the position of back, has shared the tasks of the game with Maxwell. Stock's ability to play end has helped us win many a tough battle. All of Morrison's 210 pounds played a tremendous part in stopping many opposing players. In the position of center was Jim Wiley and Schantz was in as guard. The team was prepared for a good fight for the rest of the games, under head Coach Jim Manilla.

Football



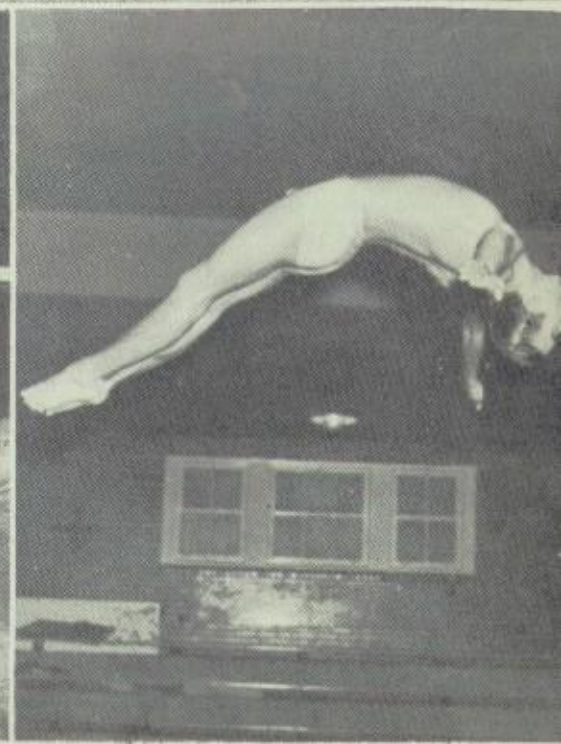
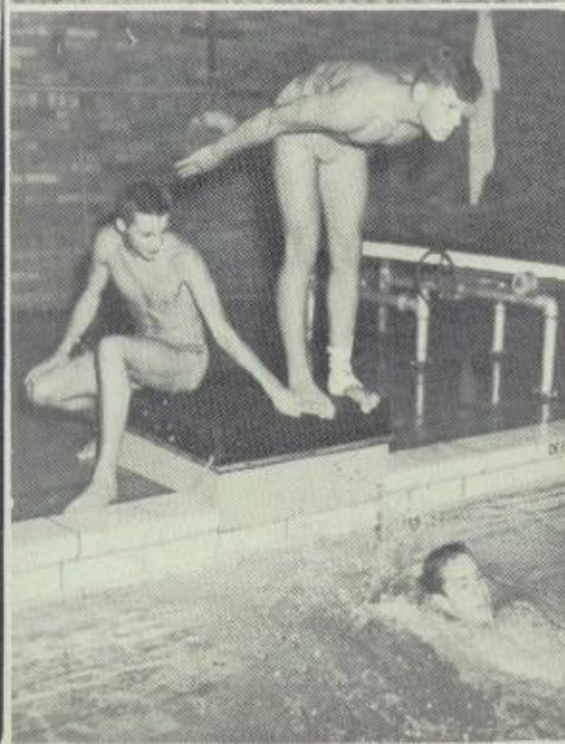
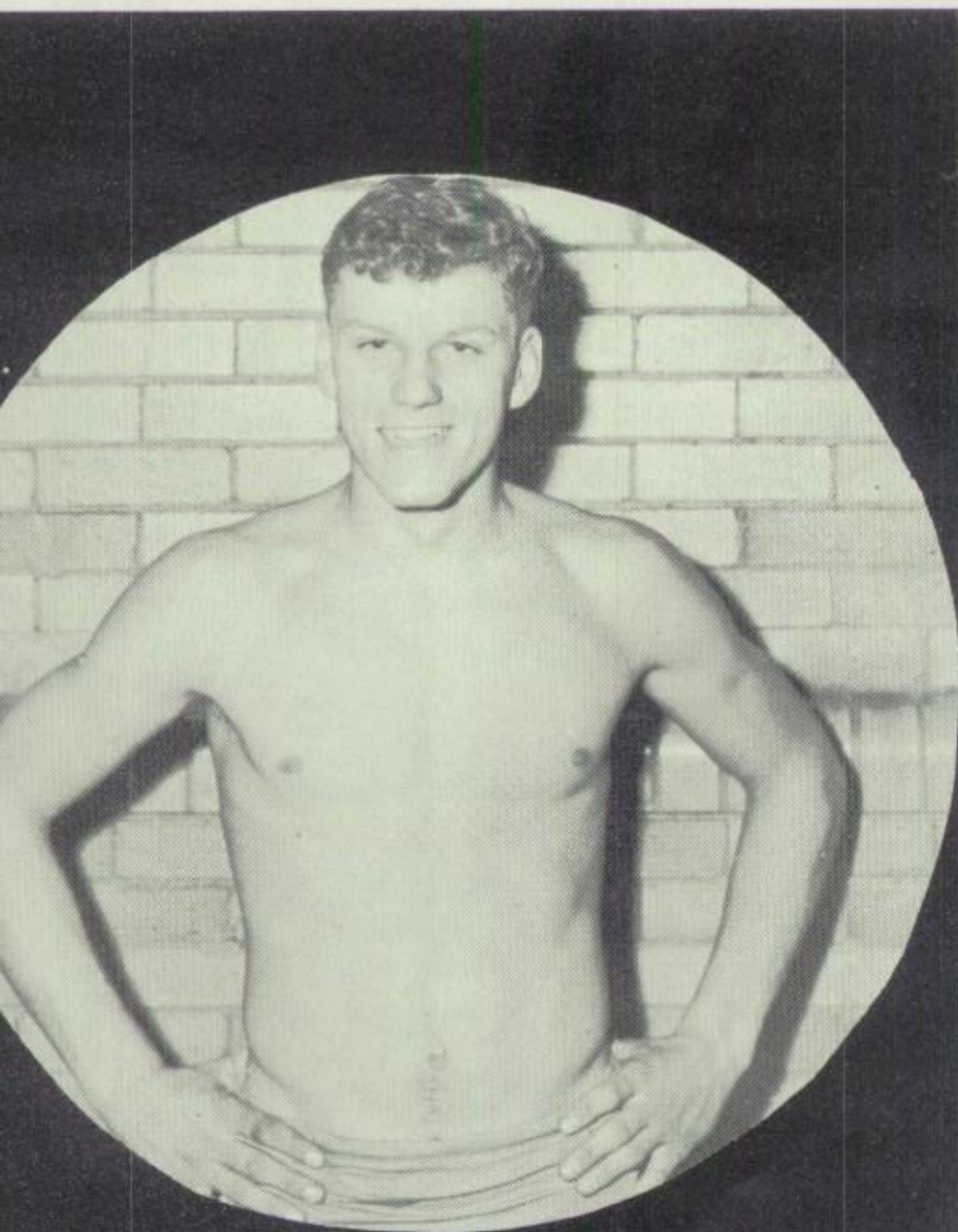




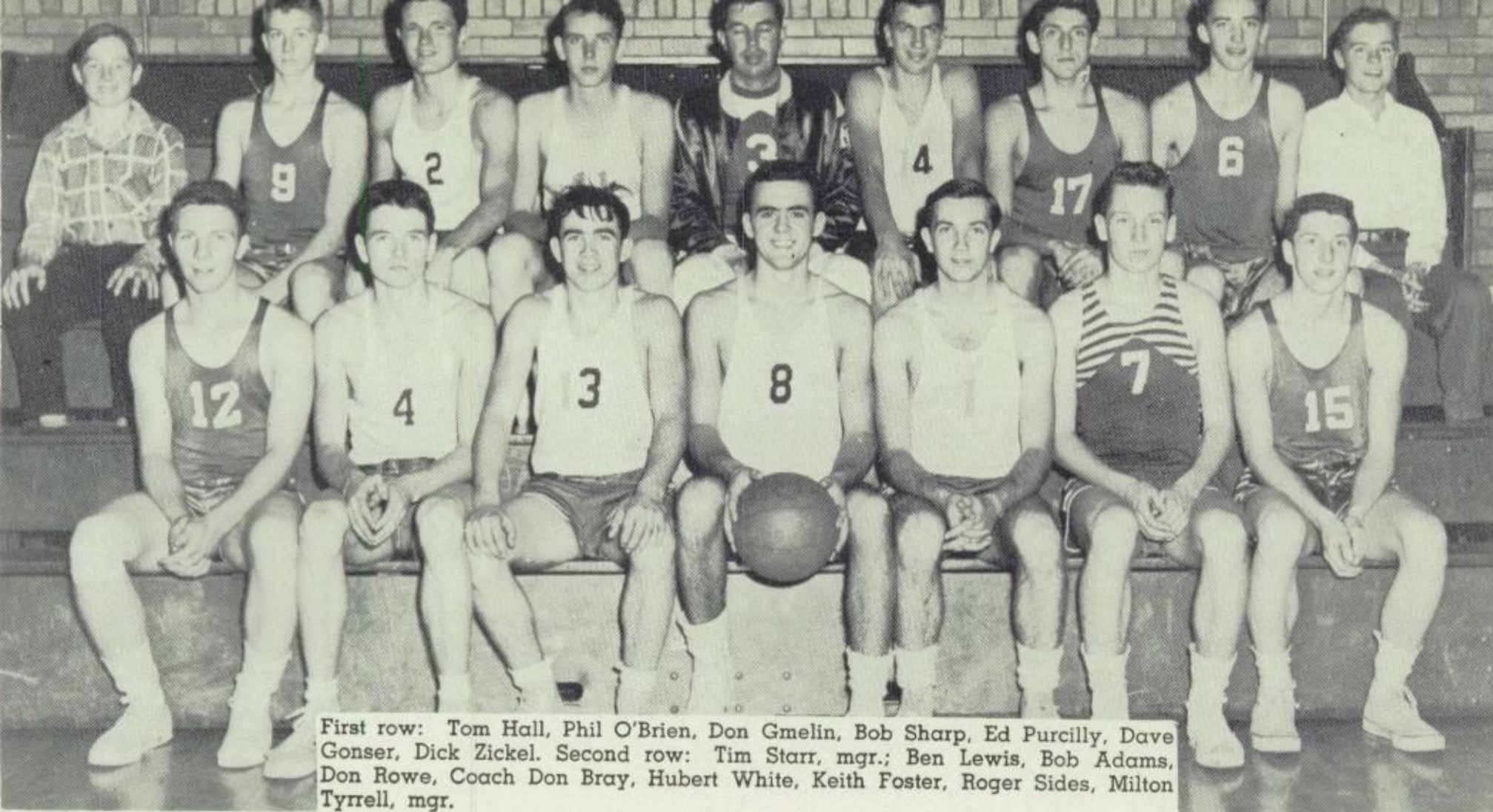
First row: Don Gilger, Bill Lorimer, Bill Lowe, Tom Cchultz, Ernie Stock, Don Blackburn, Terry Dowan, Roy Van Zandt. Second row: Tom Sawyer, mgr.; Bruce Scott, Don Smith, Rich Brancleon, Tom Law, Pete Eckel, Bruce Stevenson, Jim Burns, Roger Schroeder. Third row: Randy Johnson, Duanne Platt, Earl Spohn, Russ Seaman, Jim Johnson, Jim Binkley, Walter Wood, Coach Art Solow. Fourth row: Jim Knister, Jerome LaFountain, Andy Dixon, Don Sawyer, Doug DeLorme, Andy Lorimer, mgr.

The swimming team was off with a big splash this year, although a few of the lettermen have graduated. The team is planning on packing this season full of many winnings. Last year the Oak swimmers wound up with eighteen wins and one loss, but this year they opened the season with a tough struggle against Redford. Then they plowed forward with a tussle against Grosse Pointe and Fordson. The team expects to be a strong one the first half of the season but when January rolls around many important seniors are leaving. They are Butch Stock, Don Gilger, Bill Lorimer, and Tom Schultz. The remainder of the team are hoping to be able to carry the load with out these seniors and do a fine job. Butch Stock, captain, will head the team during the first half of the season.

Swimming



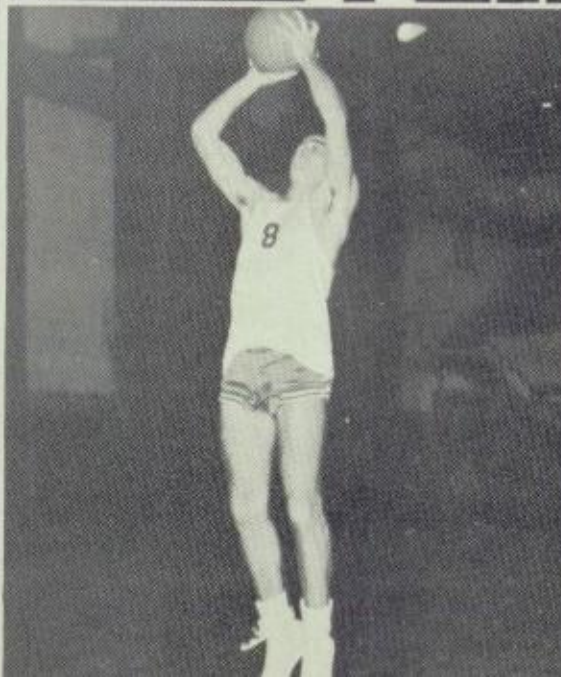




First row: Tom Hall, Phil O'Brien, Don Gmelin, Bob Sharp, Ed Purcilly, Dave Gonser, Dick Zickel. Second row: Tim Starr, mgr.; Ben Lewis, Bob Adams, Don Rowe, Coach Don Bray, Hubert White, Keith Foster, Roger Sides, Milton Tyrrell, mgr.

And the score goes up another notch . . . as the Oaks opened their season with Cooley of Detroit in our gym on Dec. 1. This year's basketball squad has four returning lettermen. The remainder of the team consists of eight juniors and sophomores. The Oaks face a rugged fifteen game schedule; ten within the BCL and five outside games. The height of our team will be a definite advantage as the BCL is one of the toughest leagues in the state. Bob Sharp is the captain this year and is one of the returning lettermen along with Don Gmelin, Ed Purcilly, and Phil O'Brien. The latter two will graduate in January. Last year the Oaks won seven out of eight games. We all hope the basketball team has a good season.

Basketball



Cross Country

DON OTERO

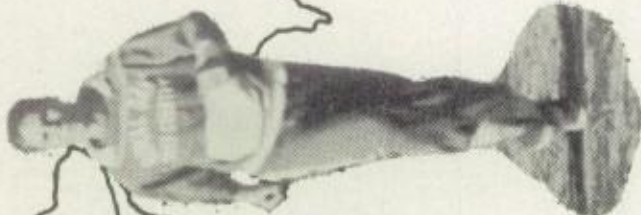


GARY BADOUD

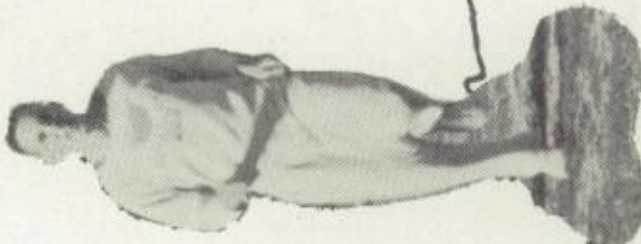


DAVE GONSER

FRANK YOHE



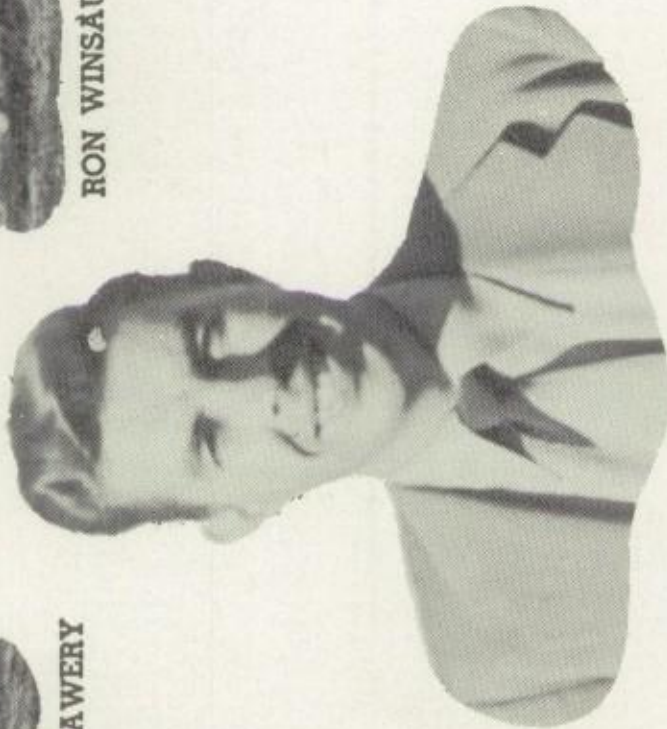
JERRY HENDERSHOT



RON WINSÄUER



COACH BRAY



BRUCE LAWERY



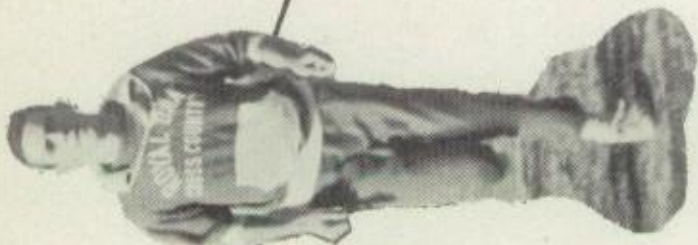
JERRY GONSER



RON JONES



BOB SHARP



JERRY STEINARD



Let's Build a Stairway to the Stars.' Left to right the majorettes are: Sharon Jones, Judy Reimer, Barb Sabo, and Judy Arnold.



Majorettes



Cheerleaders

The 'chain of success.' Barb Baltzly, Joan Logan, Bev Murdock, Barb McClelland, and Kay Cawthorne are the respective links.



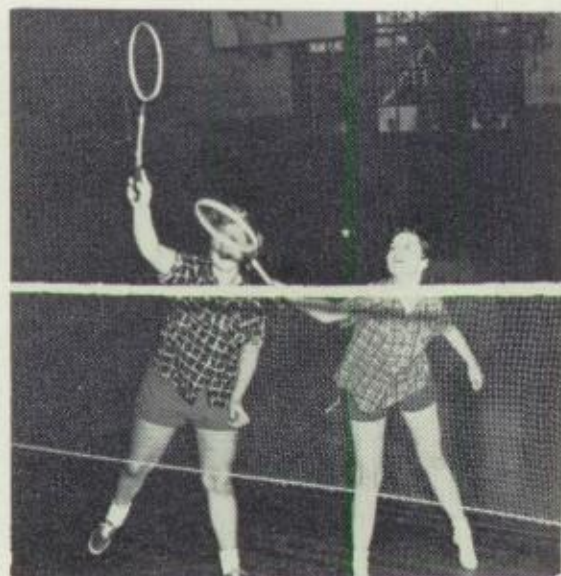
Band

The crowd always thrilled to the rhythm of the band in parades, at basketball games, and football games. They cheered to the music of the ROHS band at the traditional Thanksgiving football game with Birmingham. This year the 54-piece ROHS marching band, under the direction of Mr. Henry Garen, presented a 6-minute half-time show on the B'ham football field. The show was a result of 15 hours work, which was spent on all shows a week apart. A skeleton band, generally known as the 'pep band,' played at the basketball games and pep assemblies. The concert band was a 60-piece organization. This band played at community affairs, the State Fair, and presented a yearly concert in the ROHS auditorium. The band returned from the Class A Band Festival at Ypsilanti with a straight II rating. Several musicians from the band also went to the National Music Camp at Interlocken and participated in the inter-school competition. Some of the first chair musicians of the band were head musicians in the all-state band. They were Sherry Hood, saxophone; Dave Muhn, bass; Bob Grundeman, baritone, and Clark Sist, concert master. The officers this semester were Frenchie Stein, president; Bob Grundeman, vice president; Judy Reimer, secretary-treasurer; and Bill Collins and Dave Muhn, librarians.



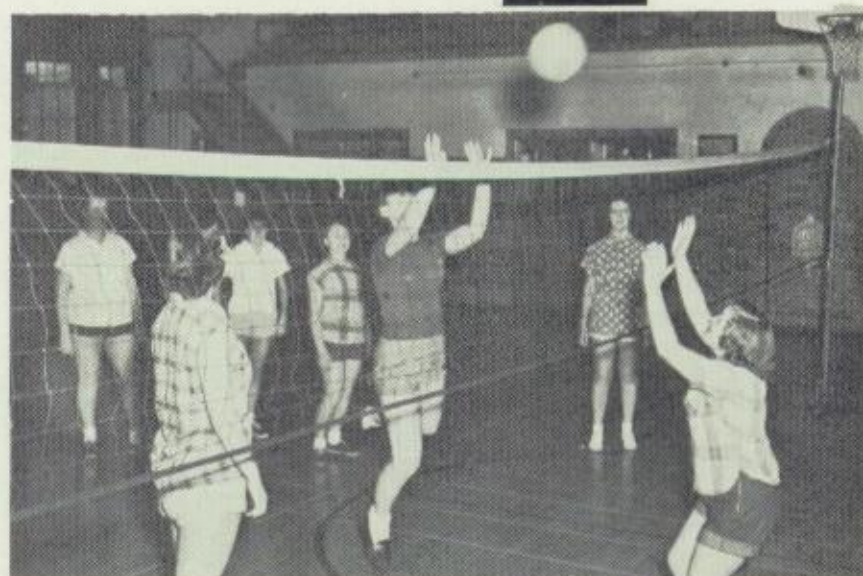
Desperately reaching for the 'man in the moon' are (left to right): Margaret McGinty, Donna Karlet, and Pat Marinacci. Think they'll make it?

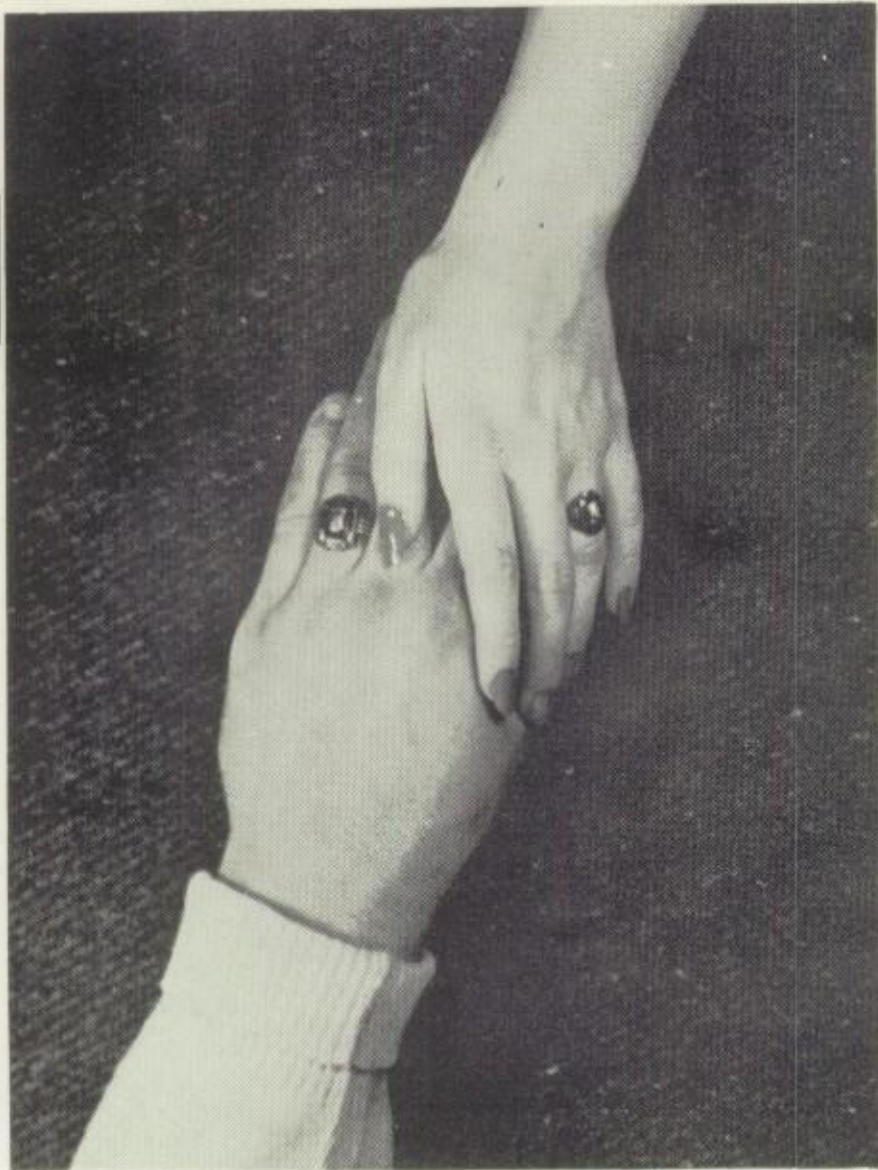
Crawlin' along in a care 'free style' are Adair Sheill and Sue Hill, swimmers in Miss Davies' pool class.



Making a big 'racket' over nothing are Sally Kernen and Patty Pratt, badminton enthusiasts. These two 'racketeers' belong to Miss Doerr's gym gang.

'Up and over!' Excitedly volleying the ball are: Nancy Lazenby, Joan Metzger, Nancy Stewart, Marcia Roush, Jackie Fisher, Shirley Janssen, and Judy Pace.



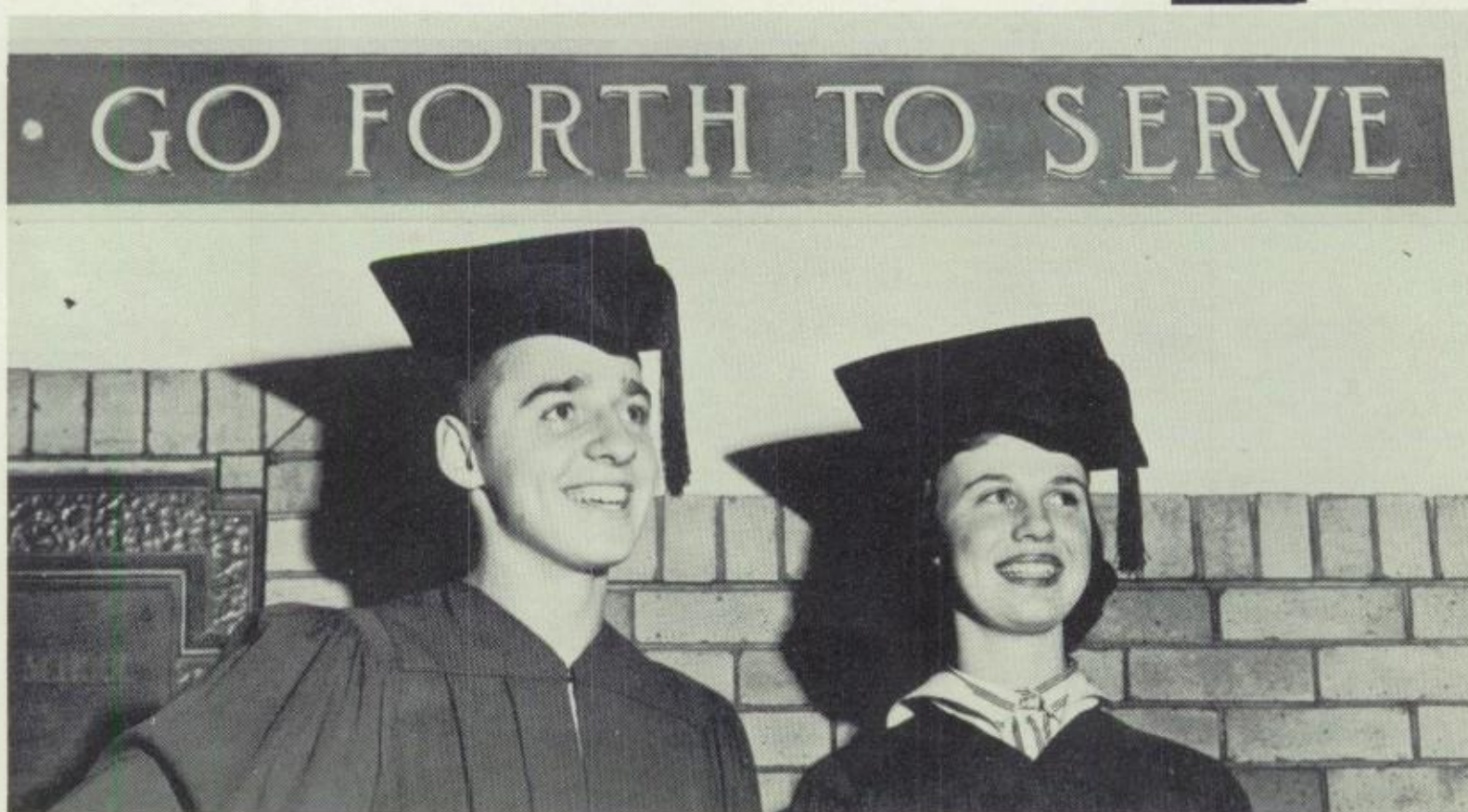


Tomorrow our fun, frolic, and hard work at R.O.H.S. will only be a memory; yet we'll always cherish these fondest memories we helped to create. Remember how, on the senior trip, we slipped and slid on the wet decks of the S.S. South American during that weaving snake dance and that rainy tramp over Mackinac Island . . . Those immortal senior parties where we danced ourselves dizzy, the ping-pong tables dominated by the fellows, and those card games! . . . The hurry-scurry of decorating for dances, the wonderful time we had at them, going out to eat . . . Dan's" and the "Var's" packed after the shindigs, the open houses where nobody knows the host or hostess, those slumber parties where nobody slept . . . Those teachers and classes we especially enjoyed, the chit-chats be-

Seniors

... Tomorrow We Lead

tween classes, and the scramble to get through the doors . . . Those blushes as cap and gown measurements were taken, the homework we didn't do, the last-minute cramming for finals, the worried looks as the graduating list was posted . . . And, at long last, class night, where our friends displayed their talents in a variety show. At Convocation we saw the awards given out to the honored few who had been our classmates through our school years. Baccalaureate came and we began to realize that we, the youth of America, in a few days would be setting out to lead America. Commencement left us with a diploma in our hands and for most, a tear in our eyes . . . Yes, "Yesterday we followed, tomorrow we lead."





MANFRED AENGST

I never dare to be as funny
as I can.



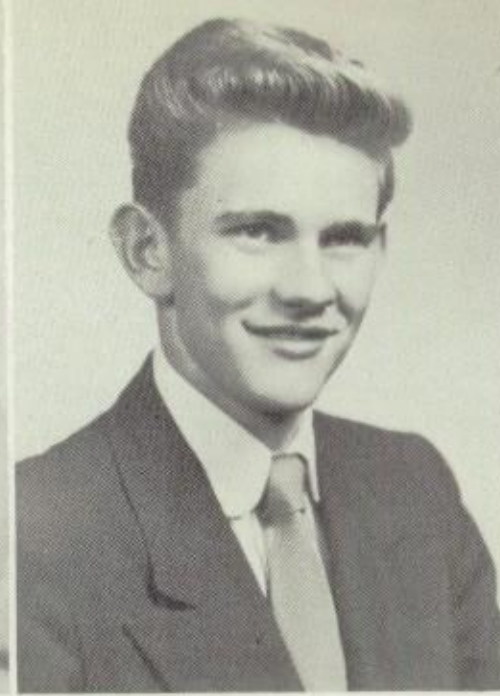
MARILYN AGMEY

Let her own works praise her.



TERRY ALLEN

Both in life and golf he is
always true to the flag.



DONALD AYERS

He is not only witty, but the
cause of wit in other men.

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LEE SOLOMON

President-Valedictorian
He will go places because he
has the ability to lead
others.



JOANNE BACK

There's a sparkle of mischief
in her eyes.

KAY BAUMHAUER

Her shining eyes, her sunny
smile, tend all her class-
mates to beguile.

EARL BELL

O, what may man within him
hide, though angel on the
outward side.

ROBERT BOHRINGER

The man lives twice who lives
the first one well.





JOAN BURR

If love should go in quest of
beauty, where should we
find it fairer than in Jody?



PHYLLIS CALHOUN

A charm is with her every-
where.



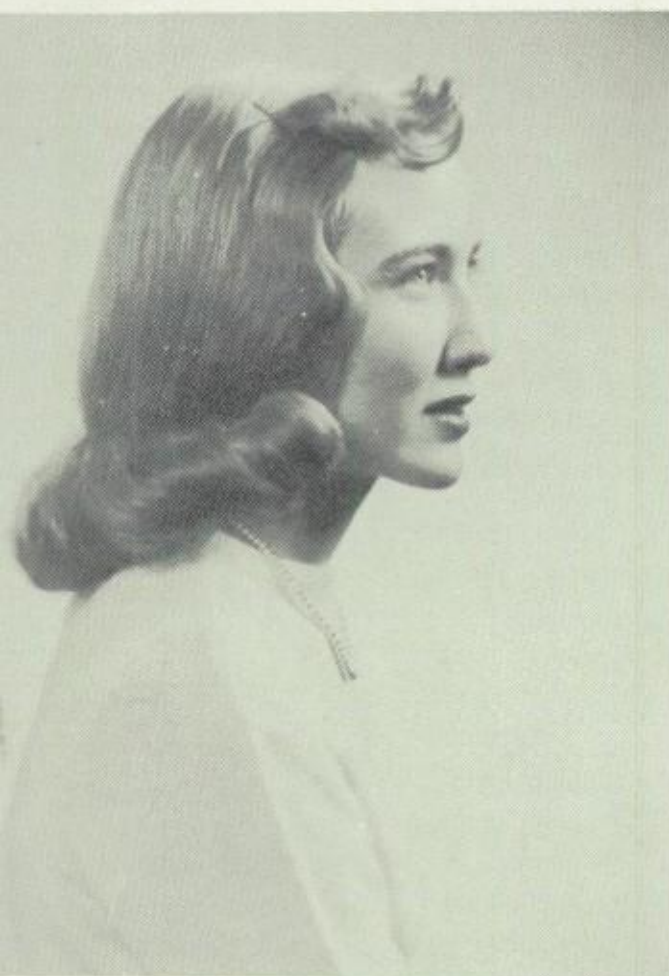
FLORENCE CARUSO

This little girl is always gay,
now she's on her merry
way.



DORIS CHAMBERS

She laughs herself into
stitches.



LILLIE ANN HILZINGER

Vice President-Salutatorian
God's masterpiece—a woman
fair.

Seniors

SHIRLEY COLE

Cheerful look makes a dish
a feast.

MARILEE COMBS

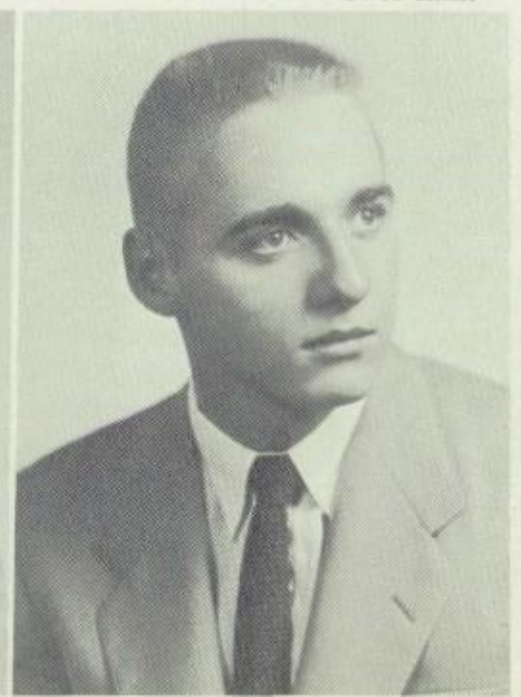
A quiet little girl with quiet
little ways.

ALICE CONLEY

Her disposition, like Ivory
Soap, is 99 44/100% per-
fect.

JOHN COOLICAN

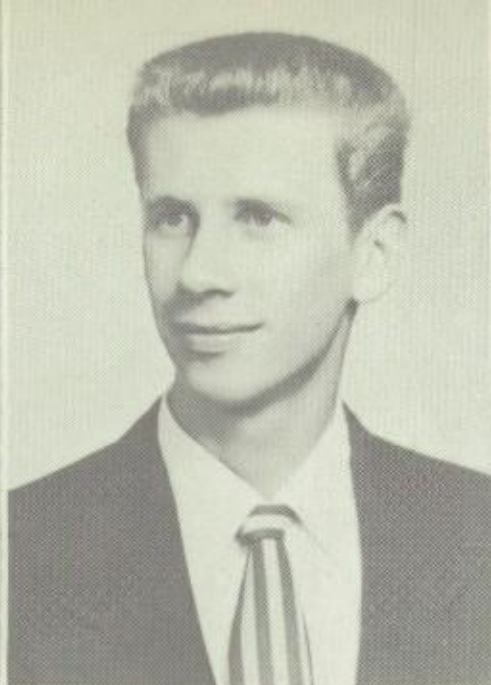
He is truly a ladies' man;
they go wild, simply wild
over him.





GERALD DICKSON

The photographer will snap you.



WILLARD DIXON

Are you going to retire to a hermitage or a harem, Willie?



EMILY EDMUNDS

Cheerfulness is the oil that greases the axle of life.



LOUISA EDMUNDS

Peppy, jolly, full of fun, fine companion for everyone

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ANN DEEDS

Secretary

Though she has come and gone, her personality lingers on.



BERNICE ELLIOTT

There's a little bit of bad in every little girl.

STEWART FALL

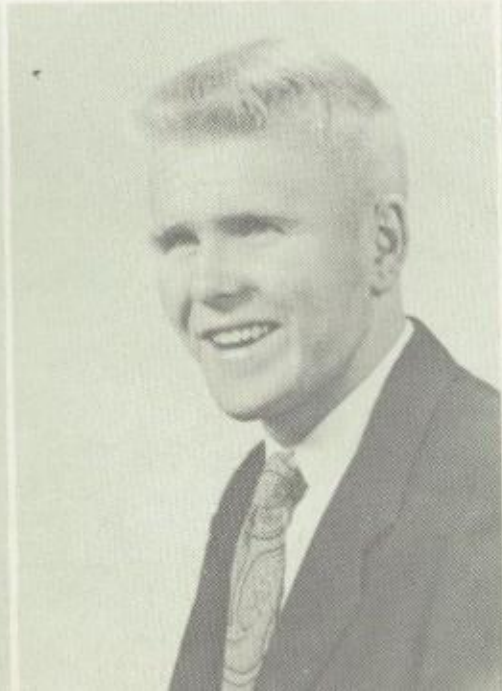
Doin' what comes naturally.

FRANCES FAROUGH

'Fate made me what I am.

SHIRLEY FAROUGH

What mischief lurks with her eyes, what fresh ne prank will she devis





JACQUELINE FEDOR

Personality means victory.



GEORGE FELL

His personality indicates his good qualities.



SYLVIA FELTZ

A definite will and an energetic personality.



JAMES FERGUSON

He has a head and knows how to use it.



PHILIP O'BRIEN

Treasurer

Earth holds no other like to thee.

Seniors

JAMES FISH

Water can't quench the fire of love.

LEONARD FOBAR

What's the use of moving when the world moves for you.

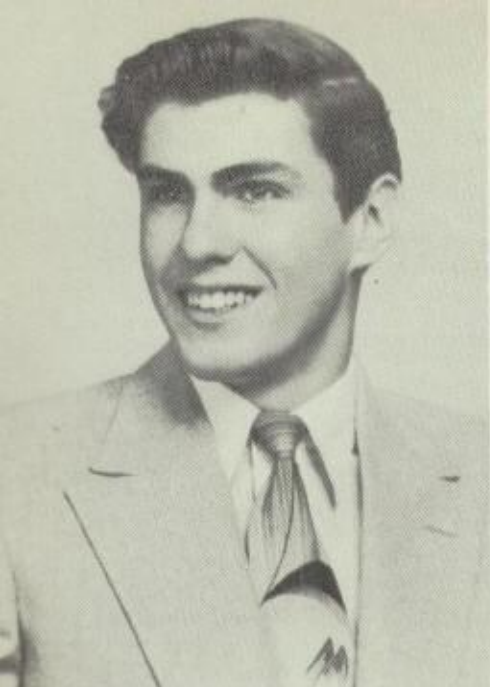
CARL FRIEBEL

If it weren't for sports and love, what would he do?

MARJORIE FRIIS

To know her is to like her.





DONALD GILGER

Love makes the world go
round.



WILLIAM GODDARD

Without worry or care, ever
gay and debonnaire.



RICHARD GOODE

Under his calm surface there
sparkles wit and humor.



BONNIE GORMAN

Give us the gal whose happy
life is one perpetual grin.

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MR. B. RATHSBURG
Homeroom 322



RODNEY GRANGER

He hath more business in a
single day than some men
have in a lifetime.

EUGENE GRAY

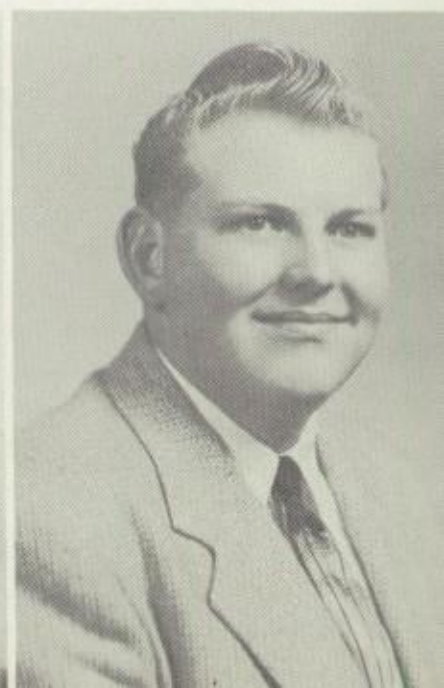
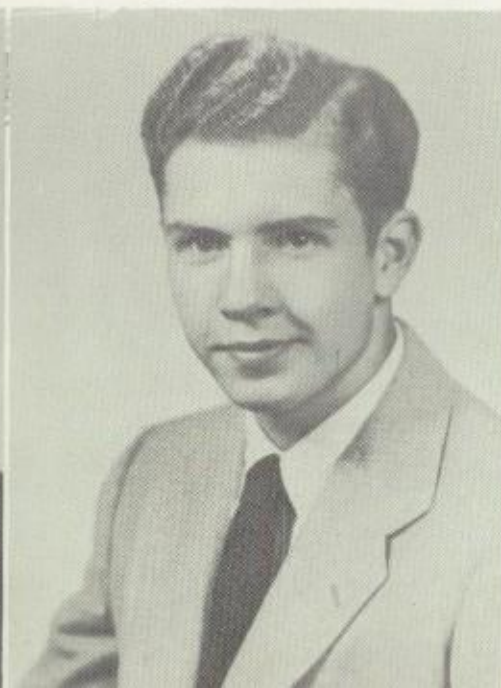
This fellow gets a lot of fun
and wealth of good nature
out of life.

MARJORIE GREEN

Where humor is not, she
creates it.

WESLEY GROSS

No matter what happens,
smiles and is happy th
it c





DAVID HAMMOND

Wisley and slow; they tumble
that run too fast.



BETTY HARLAND

Those who are pleased them-
selves are always pleased.



FRANCES HARTMAN

Her very frowns are fairer
far than smiles of other
maidens are.



ELAINE HESSELL

So quiet, and so sweet a style.



MISS R. KIRK
Homeroom 204

Seniors

BARBARA HEWITT

he has a personality to be
marveled at.

DONNA HIRT

There are so many things I
like about her.

RON HOWIE

Honor to those whose words
or deeds thus help us in
our daily needs.

GAIL HULLINGER

There's mischief in her smile,
there's deviltry in her eyes.





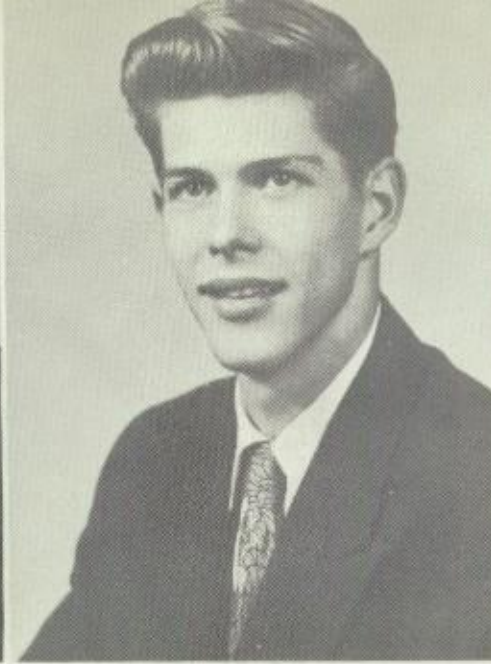
ROBERT HYDE

Nothing is useless, each thing
has its place.



ROD JACOBS

New triumphs await you.



KENNETH JONES

Here we behold a holly lad,
whose willingness just
makes us glad.



ALBERT La MACHIO

Learn to love and love to
learn.

January '53

MISS E. HORNAC
Homeroom 218



MARCIA LANE

What a dreary world this
would be if there were no
loving in it.

WILLIAM LORIMER

Bill was embarrassed, never
hero more, and as he knew
not what to say, he swore.

JOHN MacFARLANE

Popularity and courtesy are
here combined.

EVELYN MacKENZIE

Beauty is power; a smile
its sword.





MARILYN MARTIN

"Variety is the spice of life"
could well be Marty's
Motto.



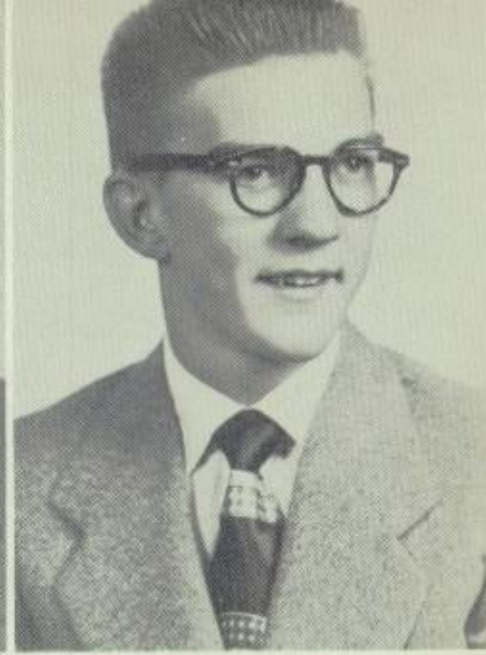
MORLEY MARVIN

And happiness takes its leave



CLYDE MAXWELL

Sports first, then anything
else—preferably women.



GERALD McCLELLAND

Like all, trust a few, do wrong
to none.



MISS I. SCHULTE
Homeroom 103

Seniors

JERRY McCULLOUGH

Don't underestimate this fel-
low, you'll be on the losing
end.

ALLAN MEADE

A handful of common sense
is worth more than a bushel
of learning.

WARREN MELLOR

A lion among the ladies is a
dreadful thing.

JEAN MILLER

An original, workable idea
every two minutes.





ALZENA MONROE



LOUIS MOODY



ROBERT MORRISON



RAYMOND MUNCEY

Silence is more musical than song.

Faithful friends are hard to find.

Things that are great are not always good; but things that are good are great.

It is because of men like Ray that women will never become the superior of men.

January '53

MR. J. JOHNSON
Homeroom 214



WENDELL NANCARROW

What you don't learn in school won't hurt you.

RALPH NEWMAN

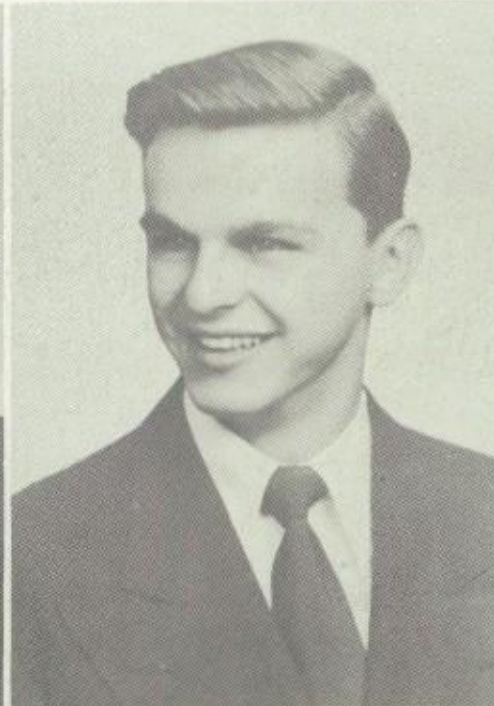
Each day brings progress.

NEAL NORTON

The best way out of a difficulty is through it.

ROBERT O'CONNOR

Why should I work when I can rest and watch my classmates do their best?





DONALD OVERBY

He makes his every inch
count.



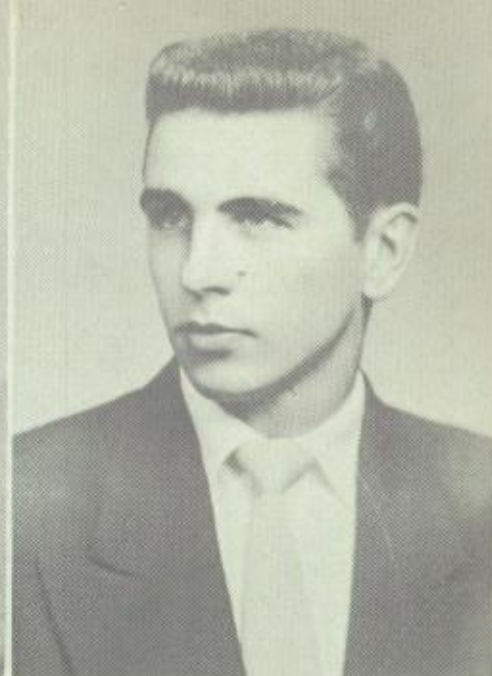
JOAN PAGELS

Sunshine through the clouds.



CLIFFORD PARENT

He is leaving his bashful days
behind.



KENNETH PARR

Ambition looks ahead.



MR. T. GAINES
Senior Counselor

Seniors

WILLIAM PAVELKA

Silent and pass for a phil-
osopher.

DANIEL PRALL

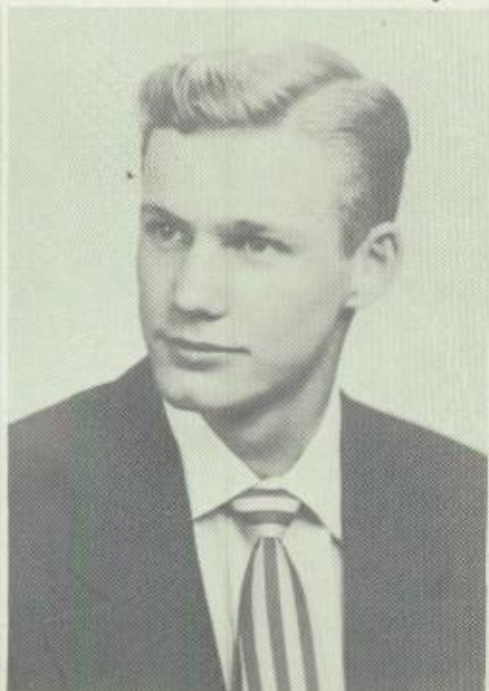
A gay fellow, a jolly fellow,
a fellow we all like.

SHIRLEY PRETZNOW

Silence is one great art of
conversation.

BARBARA PRICE

I have a heart with room
for every joy.





WILLIAM PRYOR

I dare do all that may become
a man.



JOHN RAPSON

After I have named him, I
need say no more.



JAMES REID

Cupid is a knavish lad, thus
to make poor females mad.



THOMAS RICHARD

Nothing with God can be ac-
cidental.

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Permanent Substitute



JOANNE ROBERSON

Sometimes serious, but more
often jolly.

DAVID ROGERS

His eyes and manner bespeak
ambition.

JEAN ROSSBACH

Nothing great was ever
achieved without enthusi-
asm.

GERALD RUSSELL

And what we dare to dre-
of we dare to





CHARLES SANDERS

Great in his leadership—class sports, and women.



STANFORD SCHANTZ

Wit is the tool by which all things are wrought.



JANET SCHEER

She's pretty to walk with, and witty to talk with.



JANET SCHREIBER

Great is the dignity of authorship.



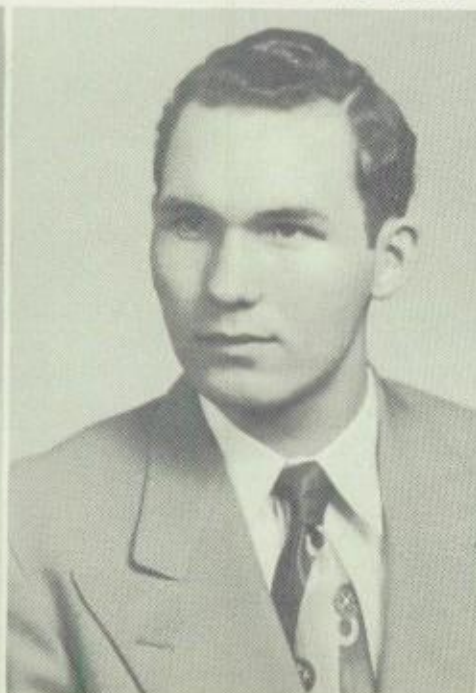
MR. I. A. ROSEN
Publications Adviser

Seniors

THOMAS SCHULTZ
good man nowadays is hard to find.



ROBERT SCHWENK
Charms strike the sight, and merit wins the soul.



LON SKOGLUND
What the public wants.



SHIRLEY SMICK
Dancing eyes and an ever-ready smile.





DEAN SMITH

Ability to make friends is the key to every door.



HARPER SMITH

This guy is personality plus, plus being liked by all of us.



SHARON SMITH

An artist like Midas of the golden touch, a genius with points or pen or brush.



CAROLA SONNICHSEN

A pretty girl is like a melody.

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MRS. A. ROUSSEAU
Secretary of Placement
Office



SUZANNE STEIGLEDER

A true goddess is recognized by her walk.

ERNEST STOCK

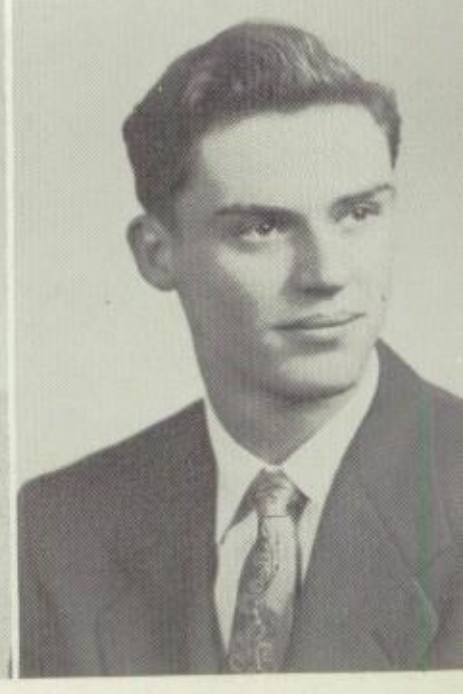
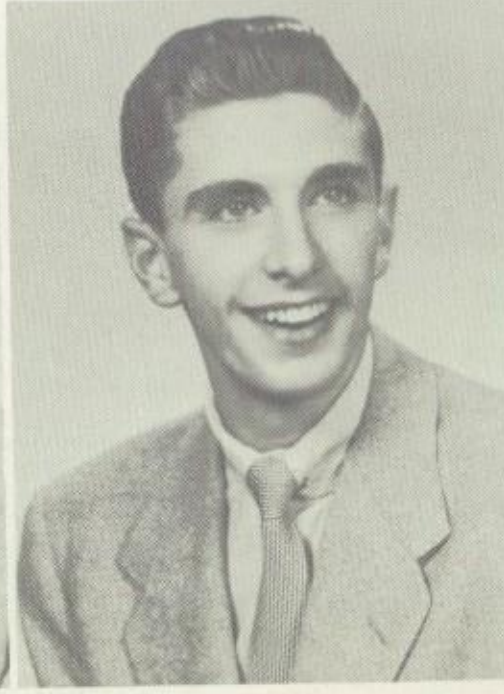
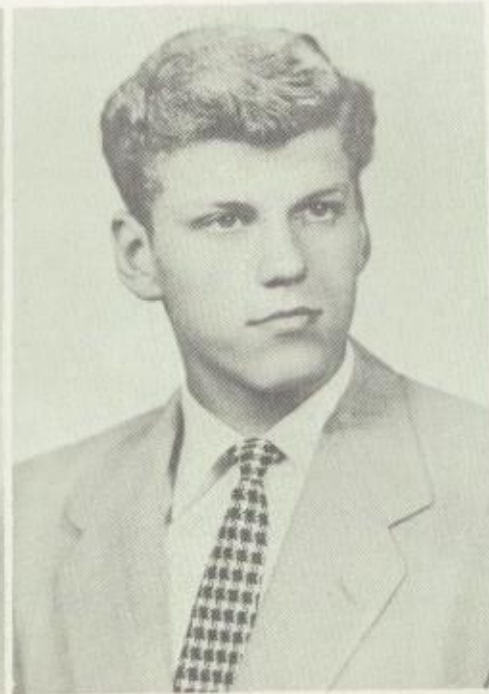
The looks, the height, the build, the tan, all together —What a man!

PAUL THOMAS

A man in earnest finds means, or, if he cannot find, creates them.

GEORGE THOMPSON

A good name is better than riches





JANE TUNISON

The unspoken word never
does harm.



LAVONNE UPTON

The angels were painted fair
to look like you.



CAROLYN VANEK

She shall never be lonely be-
cause she's nice to be near.



ROY VAN ZANDT

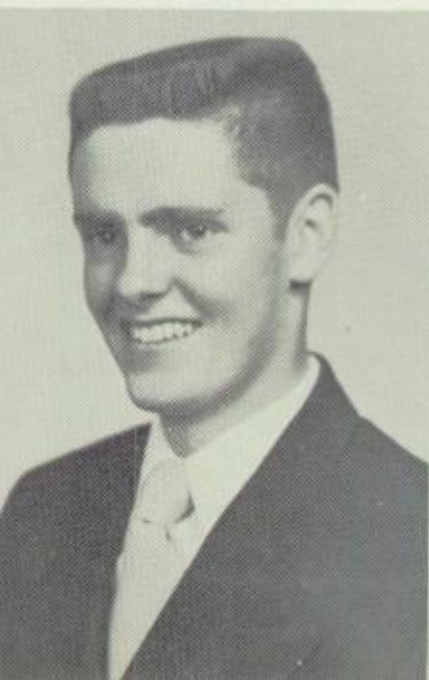
Youth is full of sport.



MR. D. S. McDONALD
Senior Adviser

Seniors

DAVID WESTWATER
There's to the fellow who has
a grin, no matter what state
affairs are in.



RICHARD WHEELER
Thy modesty is a cradle to
thy merit.



FRANCES WHITE
What could I do with size
when I could do so much
without it.



NORMA WHITING
Still waters run deep.





ROGER WICKERS

He ne're lift up his hand, but
conquered.



JAMES WILEY

He that loveth pleasure shall
be a rich man.



THOMAS WILSON

Hoop-de-doo! I'm out at last.



SHIRLEY WINTER

A disposition that's sweet and
sound; a girl who's a com-
fort to have around.

January '53

Seniors



MRS. C. DYER
Senior Adviser

RICHARD WRIGHT

His life is in his own hands.

BOB WOLD

He'll never walk alone.

MARTHA YOUNG

Charmingly frank, and
frankly charming.

RICHARD RIDEOUT

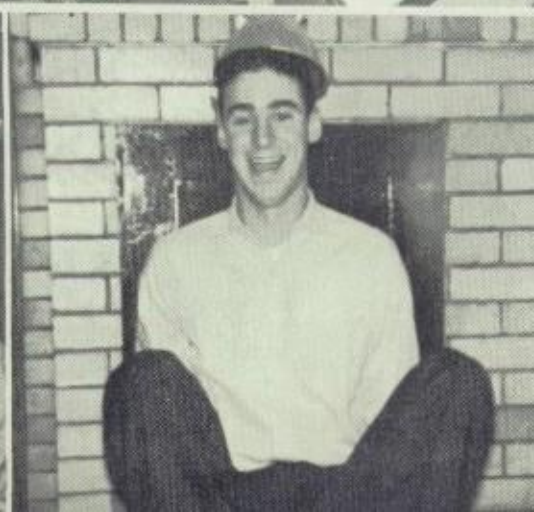




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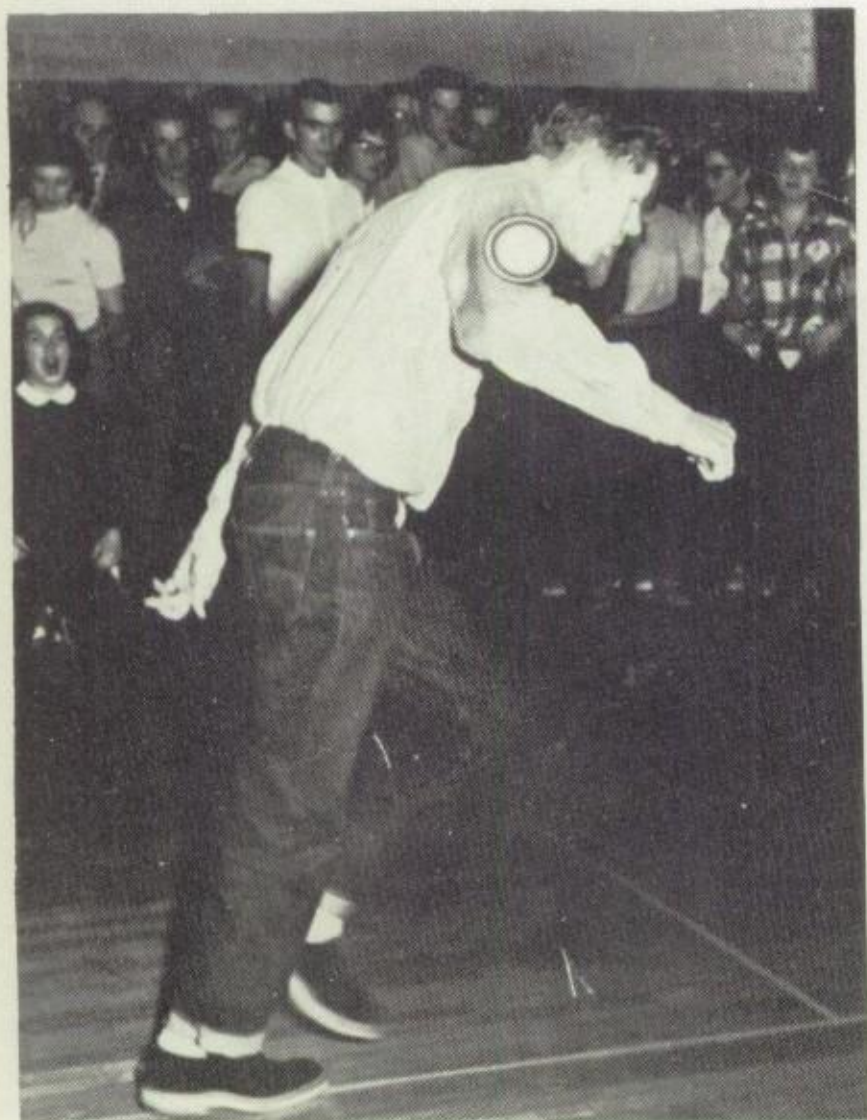




Carving the ham (Bob Morrison) is Bonnie Gorman. Other members of homeroom 218 are: Dick Goode, Harper Smith, Jan Scheer, Marilee Combs, Don Ayers, John Collican,

Jerry Dickson, Dave Westwater, Emily Edmunds, Sue Steigleder, Kay Baumhauer, Leonard Fobar.

Will he be an 'Arthur Murray II'? Stepping high is Roger Hastings.



Enjoying the gift of gab are seniors Don Gilger, Sue Steigleder, Lee Solomon, Martha Young.



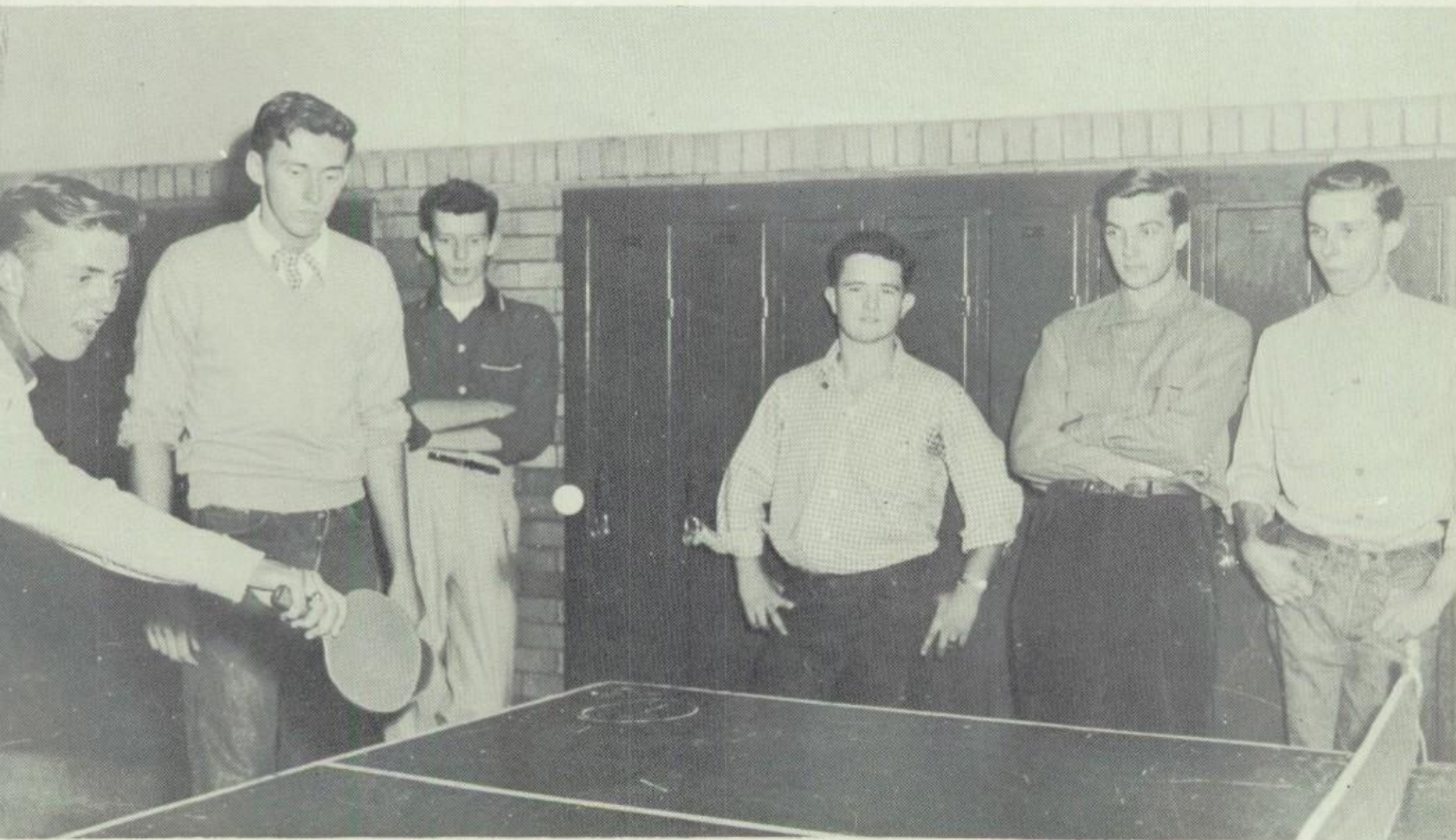


Let's get hep and stay with the ball. Ping pong players are Bill Lowe and Sharon Tyler.



'Skirts Ahoy!' Left to right: Jean Ellen Rossbach, Alice Conley, Ann Deeds, Shirley Cole, Jan Schreiber.

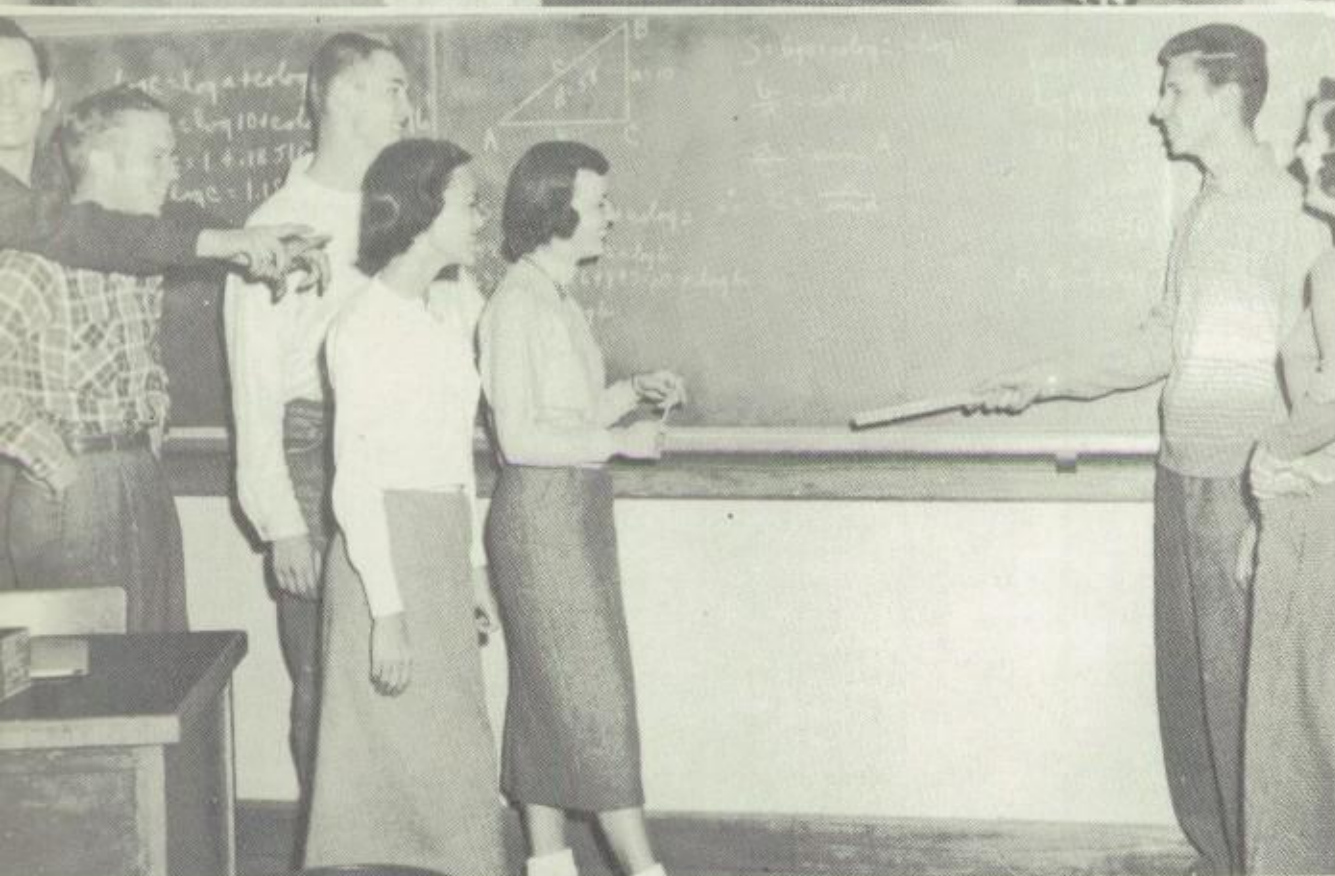
'Slap-happy,' remark Ray Elliott, Bob Barrett, Tom Poole, Ed Purcilly, and Tom Sherman.



Senior Classes



Left—Bribing the public, Warren Mellor, Lou Edmunds, Shirley Smick, Jan Schreiber, Norma Whiting, Bob Wold and Jim Wiley, in Soc. is Donna Hirt. Right—Advanced Comp class includes (first row): Manfred Aengst, Don Bennett, Doris Chambers, Shirley Cole, Bob Sharp. (second): Maynard Hatch, Lillie Ann Hilzinger, Bob Hyde, Tom Richard, Don Gilger. Far right—'Money is the Root of All Evil,' argue Jerry McClelland, Ann Moser, Gail Hullinger, Tom Schultz, Stewart Fall.



Left—'Trying' to solve a toughie in Trig. are: Bob Schwenk, Rod Granger, Tom Schultz, Bernice Elliott, Alice Conley, Willard Dixon, Martha Young. Right—Makin' passes at Mr. Rathsburg are: Shirley Farough, Gail Hullinger, Jan Schreiber, Bill Pryor, Rod Granger, Will Dixon, Butch Stock, Jim Reid, Ray Muncey, Lou Edmunds.



Left—"Don't Laugh at Me," says Shirley Cole to (front row): Bob Bohringer, Rod Failing, Morley Marvin, Chuck Sanders. (Second): Donna Hirt, Carola Sonnichsen, Pat Merrell, Jean Miller, and Stan Schantz and Butch Stock (back). Right—"Trouble in Mind" have Don Gilger, Lou Edmunds, Shirley Cole, Kay Baumhauer, Emily Edmunds, Rod Granger, Dick Wheeler, Al LaMachio, Bob Schwenk, Lee Solomon, Al Meade. Far right—"Slip of the pen" by Sharon Smith, Joan Pagels, Marilyn Martin, Lavonne Upton, Phyllis Calhoun, Jean Ellen Rossbach.



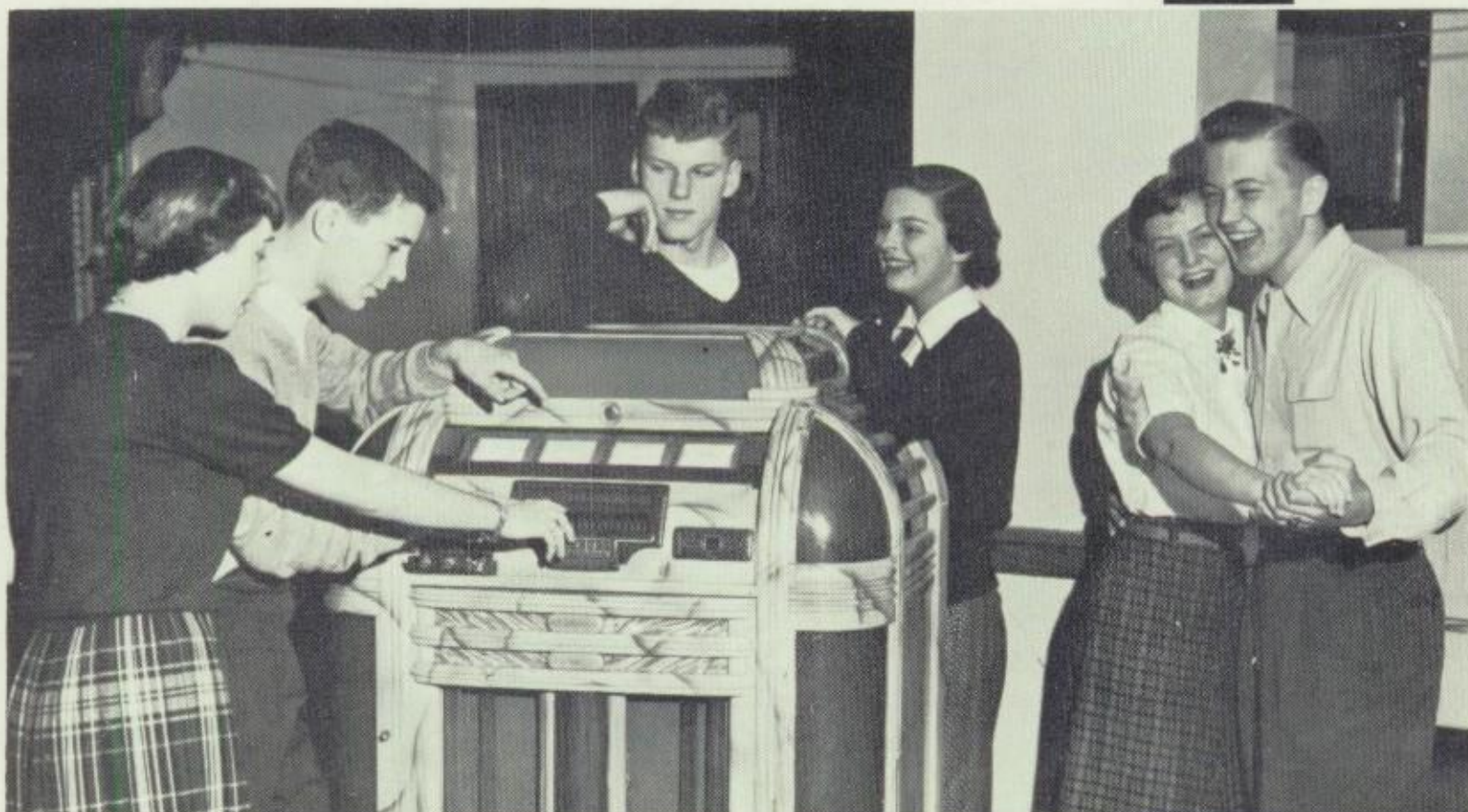



Where's the party? . . . When the end of the week rolled around these words were the ones most commonly heard. Actually, most of our activities involved a lot of work. All those nights we spent in room 315 until five or six, so that the Oak deadline of Dec. 10 could be met. No one thought that day could come so soon, but there it was, and we had made it! The Acorn staff was extra large this semester. After all the running around that the staff did during seventh hour, the paper came out, and no one really griped too much. "Brother Goose," the Senior Play, was presented on Nov. 21. Although the Owosso game fell on that date, the play was well attended. Of

Activities

... We had a barrel of fun...

course, the biggest event of the semester was the Thanksgiving festivities. Those who decorated, never thought they would even enjoy the dance, everyone was so tired. Naturally, we all had a good time. Cries of joy and anguish arose as we cheered our football team on, at the traditional Royal-Birmingham game. Strains of music drifting out of the auditorium made us realize that Christmas was just around the corner. Attending the Christmas Concert added a bit of sparkle to the season. The Choir also sang at the Senior Tea, and took their annual jaunt to Windsor to broadcast over station CKLW. Yes, we shall never forget the "after hours" of our last semester in high school.





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JANET SCHREIBER



SUZANNE STEIGLEDER

Below—Members of the Wills and Prophecies Committee include: Shirley Farough, Jackie Fedor, Frances Williams.



Upper right—Desperately searching for some needed tip for the last few quotes are: Martha Young, Lou Edmunds, and Kay Baumhauer of the Names and Quotes Committee. Right—The wheels are churning, the ball bearings are grinding. These gals are trying to get a stream of thought to drift along, replacing the scattered ideas of wrecks washed upon the sands of time. Enthusiastic members of the Picture Captions Committee are, left to right: Judy Widman, Margaret Bearss, Emily Edmunds, Gail Hullinger, Carole Elliott, and Inez Hullinger. Lower right—slapping the pages together to meet the approaching deadline are the diligently working members of the editorial staff. The staff is composed of: Judy Baur, asst. business manager; Jan Spiller, asst. co-editor; Gail McClusky, asst. co-editor; Sue Steigleder and Jan Schreiber, co-editors; Jane Kidle, asst. co-editor; and Alice Conley, business manager.



Above—Barbara Brown, Bernice Elliott, Ann Deeds, Marge Little, Sandy Harton comprise the Division Pages Committee.





Above—Pat Sinesio heads the feature department, Bradley Barnes is editor, Judy Baur and Helen Gudemoos, co-news editors.

Acorn Staff

Upper right—Peter Walters and Walter Allan are two of fourteen tenth graders who joined the staff as reporters. Sue Steigleder, a senior, is business manager, and Mona Jordan is the Acorn exchange editor. Right—Pounding out the news for the next issue of the Acorn are reporters Bob Minick, a senior, and Barbara McClelland. Seeing that the news is typed correctly are tenth graders Carol Kimmel, Sondra Perkins and Karen Johnson, also reporters. Lower right—Preparing an issue of the Acorn are: tenth graders Jim Hawkins and Margaret Bearss, both reporters; and Sharon Smith, copy editor and a member of the senior class. John Loigren, a reporter last year, has taken over the post of sports editor.



Below—This year's Acorn reporters are: Judy Pat-
a, Marilyn Agmey, Shirley Tenney, and Elaine
nsen.





A Cappella



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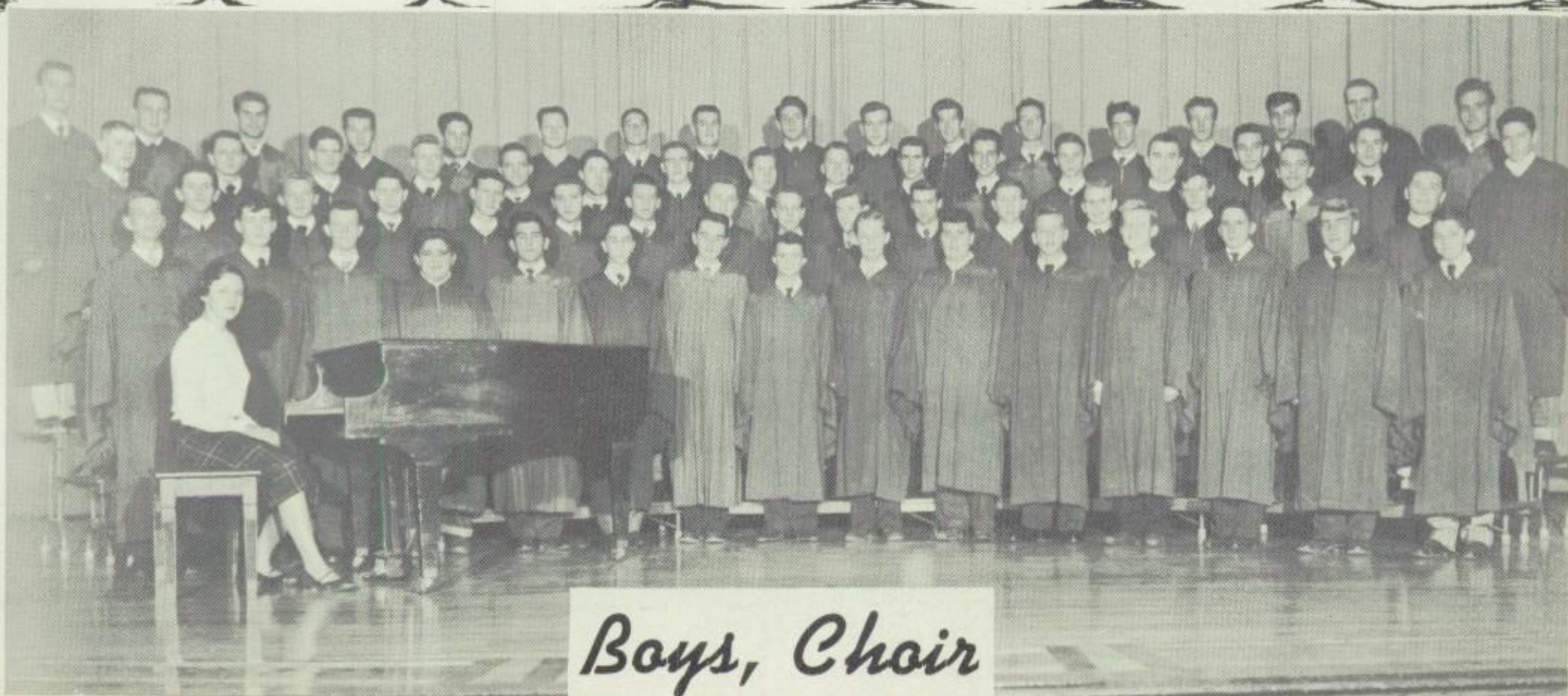
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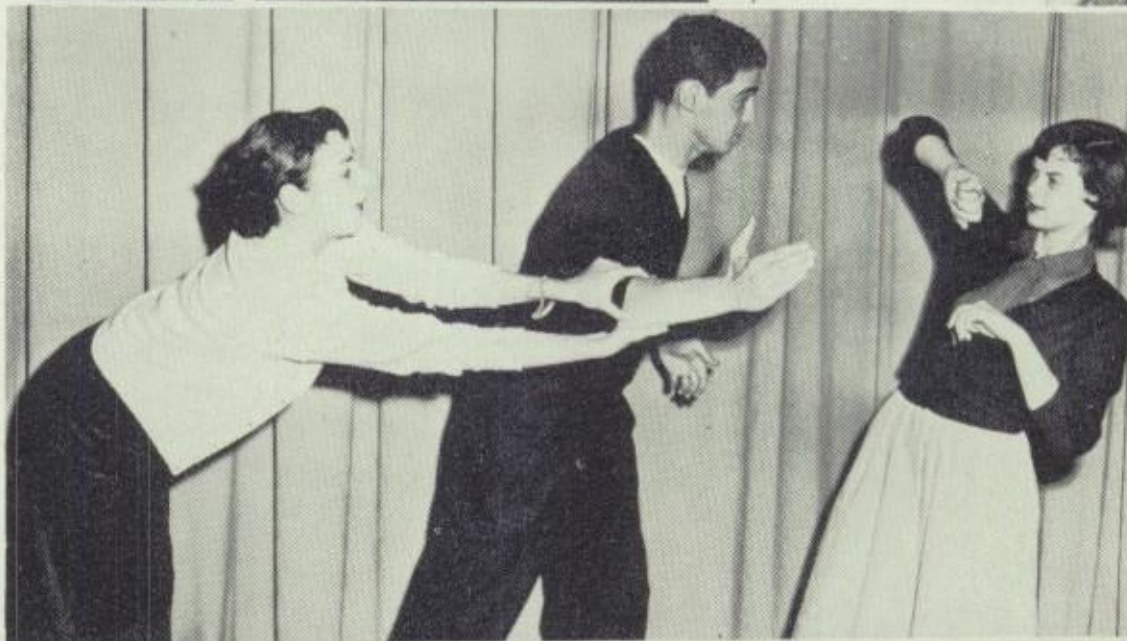
A carnival, the first to be held in Royal Oak High School, has been the largest project of the Student Senate, and will be next semester, also. Led by advisor, Mrs. Karen Blough, president, John Rapson, vice president, Ray Hopper, secretary, Gloria Carter, and parliamentarian, Allan Stillwagon, the Senate beat the Acorn staff in the magazine drive, with each senator selling an average of \$19.50. As a result, the Acorn members spent one morning shining the senators shoes. General Eisenhower beat Governor Stevenson in the mock election promoted by Senate on Nov. 4. Again this year, the magazine drive was conducted, with \$6,125 grand total. Two border Cities League conferences were attended by members of the Senate. Other senators attended the annual Citizenship conference held in Ann Arbor. Constructive suggestions were received at the meetings, all of which benefitted the Senate and school. Under Senate's direction, the Council of Presidents got under way. The Council elected Bob Sharp as chairman, John Rapson, vice-chairman, and Gloria Carter, secretary.





Brother Goose

"Brother Goose," a play written by Will Davidson, was put on by the members of the Senior Play cast. Starring Larry Rattner as Jeff, Jean Ellen Rossbach as Peggy, and Romelda Waldon as Hy, the three act comedy was presented on Nov. 21. Mr. Kolas was director, Mr. Light was stage director, and Allan Stillwagon, student director. Other members of the cast included: JoAnn Nederlof as Carol, Dennis Benson as Wes, Daneen Clapp as Lenore, and Margaret Hendrick as Eve. Helen was portrayed by Judy Guest, Mrs. Trimmer by Carolyn Vanek. Prompters were Virginia Alcini and Dick Ross. The plot concerned Jeff, an architect who was trying to keep house for his younger brothers and sisters. It became more complicated when Peggy came to work as a maid, thus complicating the love affair of Jeff and Lenore. Ten-year-old Hyacinth became infatuated with the captain of the neighborhood football team, which made another romance to be straightened out. Those who saw the play agreed that they had a very enjoyable evening.



Senior Play

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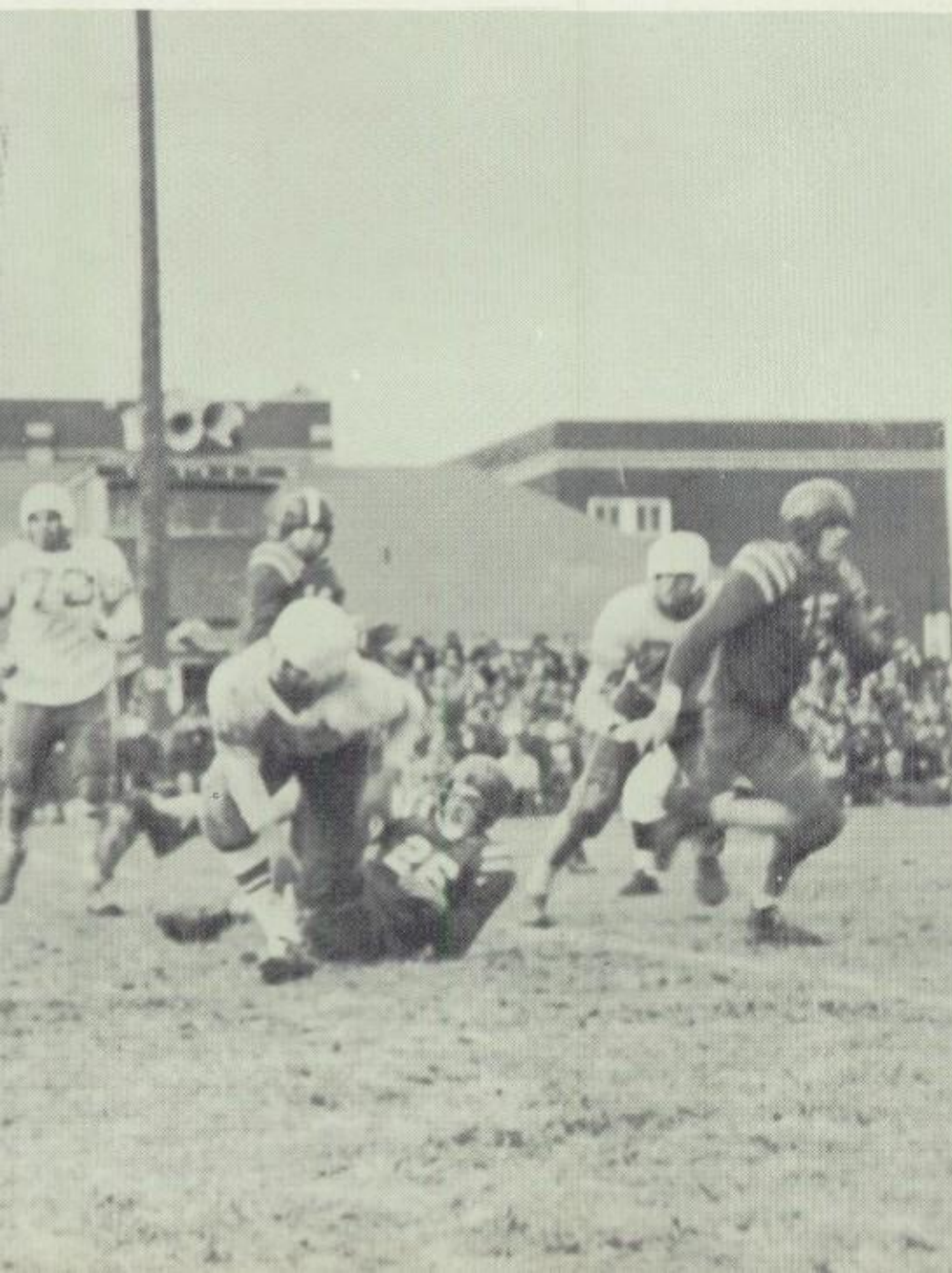


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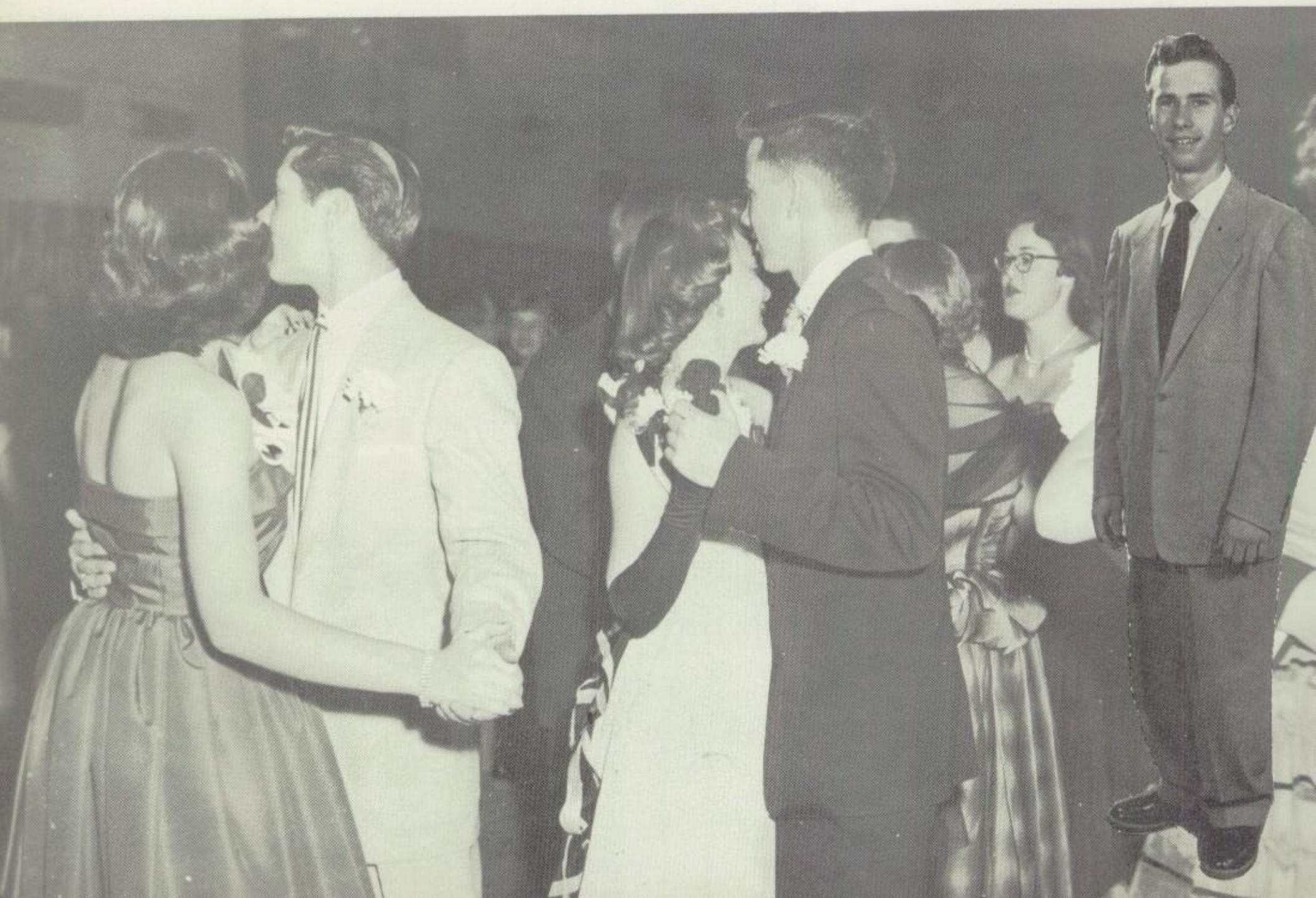


Palpitation





Participation





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And if I'm elected . . .



Concentration



Brownie



Hmm, what's this?



So tired.



Ho Hum



3:15



Prison file



My aching dogs



Thinking? ?



Funny? ?



Good—huh?



You like?



Copy, quick!



Hi-ho-Silver!



Grin, grin!



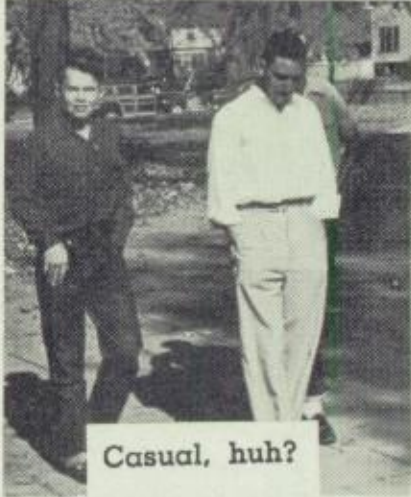
"Joe" collegiate



Pass, please?



Sour?



Casual, huh?



You like?



Gosh



"The boys"



Hmm, what's this?



Munch, munch.



Jane coeds



Hey!



Hands off!



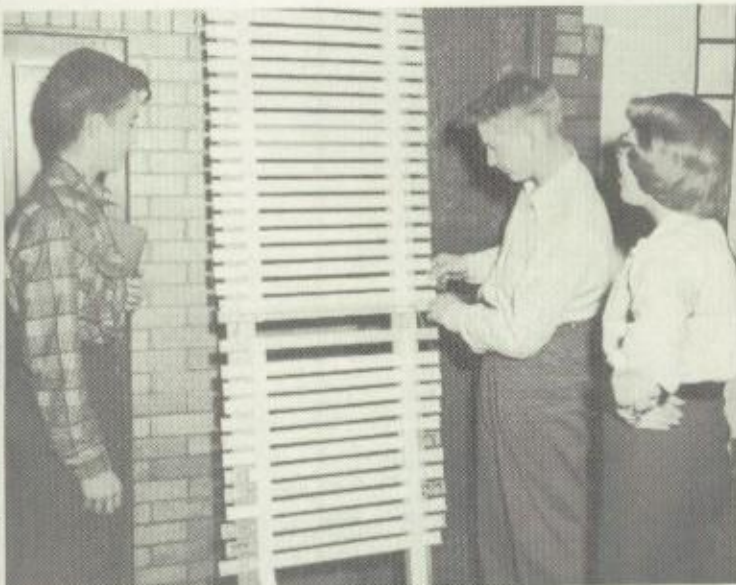
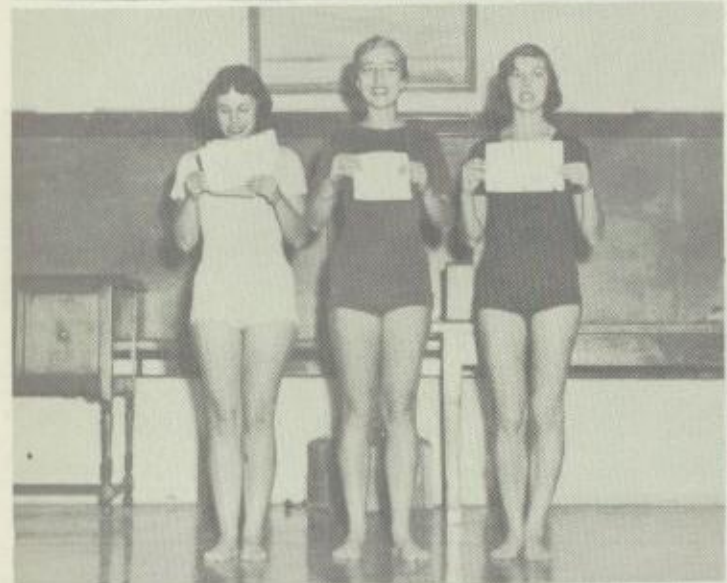
Slurp.



You were my

bashful, barefoot

bean...





... I was
your gal in.

calico...

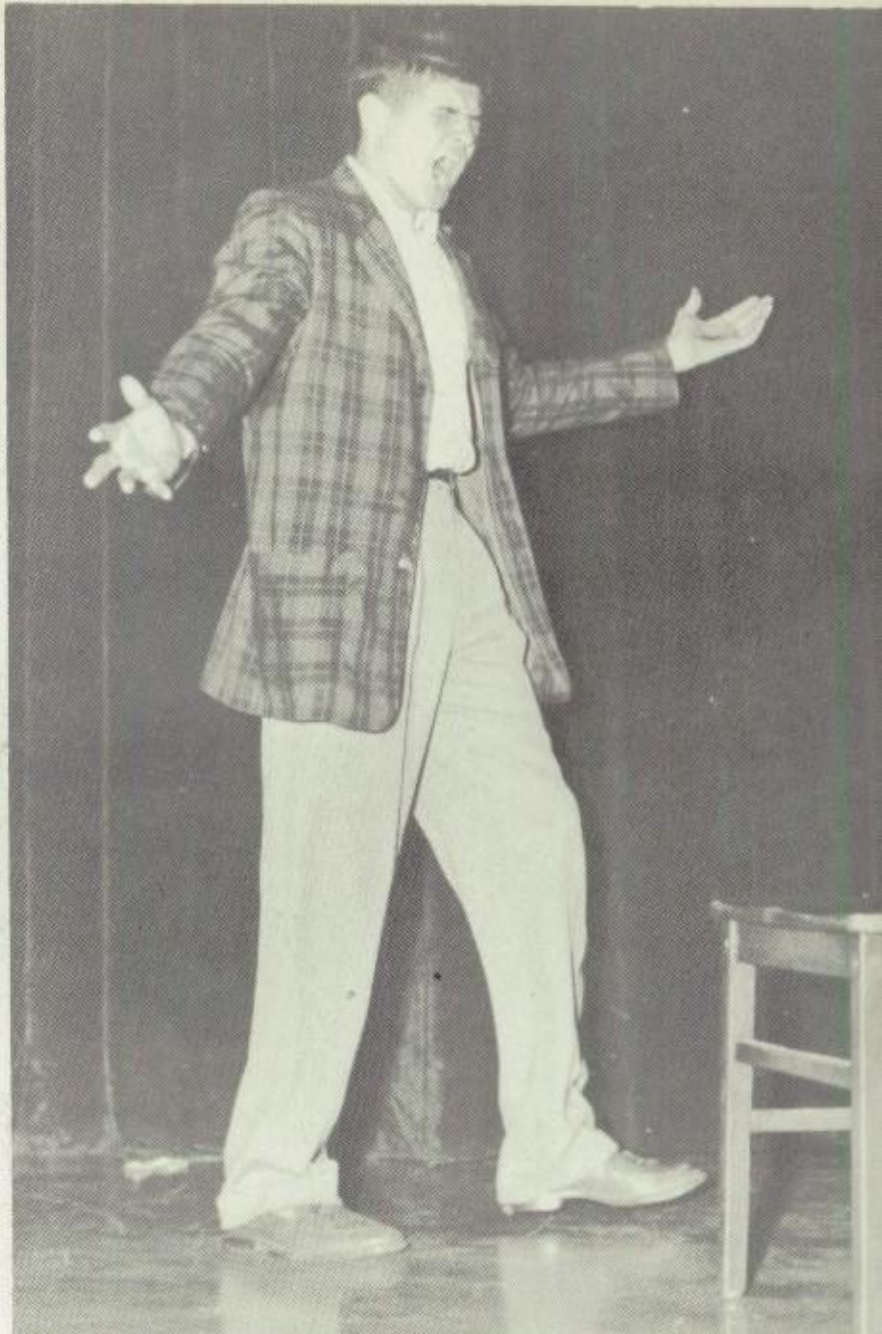


"I've got your number," says Jerry Smith to Nancy Scott, Pat Russell, and Liz Ware.



... When we were...

"What's the joke?" says Nancy Phillips to: Alice Conley, Romelda Waldon, Judy Rattner, Allen Stillwagon, Larry Rattner, Jean Ellen Rossbach, Jan Schreiber, Sue Ann Fishman, and Marcia Wittmer.



Dennis Benson—"That's My Boy."





Carolyn Harrison and Nancy Lazenby are making use of their talents to advertise the Junior Party.

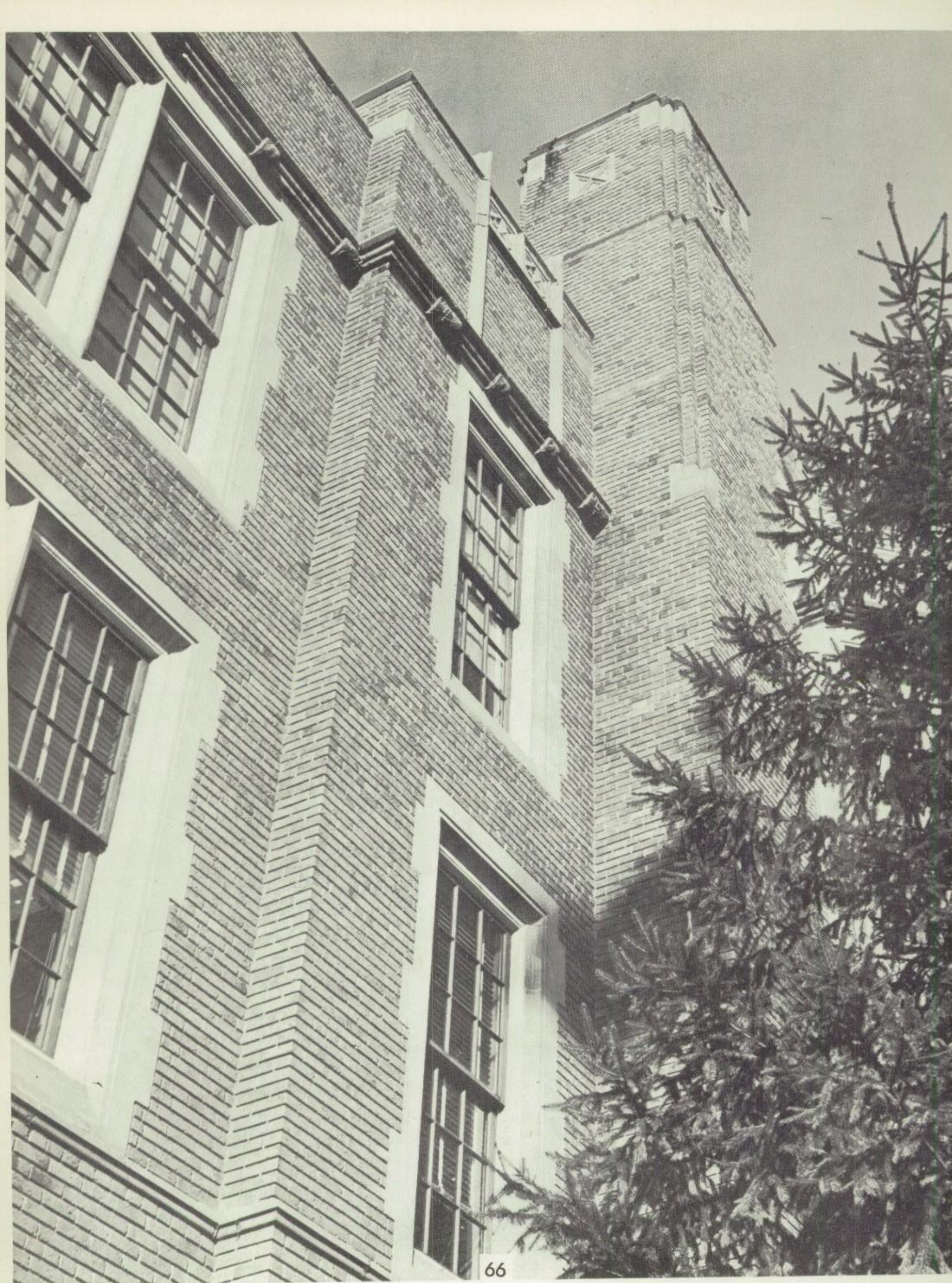
Monday's specials are Friday's leftovers. "Gulp!" say: (left side) Ron Howie, Alvin Ozminski. (Right): Evelino Sartor, Gary Gabler, Bob Hyde.



... a couple of kids.

Singing for their supper is Mr. Feighner's Boy's Glee. (Front row): Dick Ross, Bob Denison, Clayton Thompson, Tommy Robertson, Ray Hopper, Gary Rowland.





KAY BAUM



Shown left to right: Carola Sonnichsen, Lavonne Upton, Jody Burr, Lily Ann Hilzinger, Marilyn Martin and Jean Ellen Rossbach.

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